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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
TENTH SESSION**

**RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**NYADIRI, MTOKO,  
SO. RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA,  
NOV. 4-9, 1926,**

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**PRESIDENT, BISHOP EBEN S. JOHNSON D. D.  
SECRETARY, REV. R. F. WAGNER.**



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## Part I

### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

**President**=BISHOP EBEN S. JOHNSON, D. D.

**Secretary**=R. F. Wagner

**Statistician**=R. C. Gates

**Conference Treasurer**=M. J. Murphree

**Registrar**=T. A. O'Farrell,

## Part II

### BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

#### *Committee on Evangelism*—

|                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| L. E. Tull            | ( Native Advisory Committee ) |
| E. H. Greeley,        | Benjamin Katsidzira,          |
| W. Bourgaize          | Ngazana Sadomba,              |
| F. G. Mauger          | Phillip Chieza,               |
| R. F. Wagner,         | Thomas Marange,               |
| Miss Ethel M. McMann, | Isaiah Darikwa.               |
| Miss Grace Clark,     |                               |
| Miss Sarah King,      |                               |

#### *Committee on Publications*—

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| J. R. Gates,     | H. E. Taylor,                 |
| M. J. Murphree,  | Miss Frances Quinton,         |
| R. C. Gates,     | Miss Beulah Reitz,            |
| F. G. Mauger,    | Miss Stella Hess.             |
| G. A. Roberts,   | ( Native Advisory Committee ) |
| T. A. O'Farrell, | Paul Mariyanga,               |
| L. E. Tull,      | Amos Kapenzi,                 |
| R. F. Wagner     | Titus Marange,                |
| E. H. Greeley,   | Samuel Chieza.                |
| W. Bourgaize,    |                               |

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

*Committee on Resolutions—*

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| M. J. Murphree,       | R. F. Wagner,               |
| L. E. Tull,           | (Native) Advisory Committee |
| H. E. Taylor,         | R. Ngonyama.                |
| Miss Frances Quinton, |                             |
| Miss Marjorie Fuller, |                             |

*Committee on the State of The Church.*

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
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| T. A. O'Farrell  | <i>Native Advisory Committee</i> |
| E. H. Greeley    | David Mandisoza                  |
| Miss Stella Hess | Clifford Faku                    |
| Miss Grace Clark |                                  |

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|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
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| W. Bourgaize       | Miss Agnes Moore            |
| T. A. O'Farrell    | (Native Advisory) Committee |
| G. A. Roberts      | Clifford Faku               |
| H. E. Taylor       | David Mandisodza            |
| J. R. Gates        | Isaiah Munjoma              |
| Mrs. H. E. Taylor  | John Nduna                  |
| Mrs. R. C. Gates   | Reginald Ngonyama           |
| Mrs. F. G. Mauger  | Moses Mparutsa              |
| Miss Bertha Ramsey |                             |

*Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work*

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| T. A. O'Farrell         |                             |
| Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery |                             |
| G. A. Roberts           | Miss Ruth Hanson            |
| Miss E. Bjorkland       | (Native Advisory Committee) |
| Miss Jennie Woodruff    | Job Tsiga                   |
| Miss Ona Parmenter      | Enoch Munjoma               |
| Miss Oril Penney        | Davidson Katsidzira         |

*Committee on Conference Relations*

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| E. H. Greeley   | H. I. James    |
| J. R. Gates     | M. J. Murphree |
| T. A. O'Farrell | W. Bourgaize   |

*Board of Examiners*

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
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| T. A. O'Farrell | H. I. James    |
| E. H. Greeley   | M. J. Murphree |

*Committee on District Conference Records*

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| W. Bourgaize | R. C. Gates |
| R. F. Wagner |             |

*Committee of Conference Program*

The District Superintendents

DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH  
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## Part III

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH SESSION

First Day, Thursday Nov. 4, 1926

The Rhodesia Mission Conference assembled for its tenth session on Thursday, Nov. 4, 1926 in the church at Nyadiri, Bishop E. S. Johnson presiding.

The first hour was devoted to a Love Feast led by Bishop Johnson. Conference was called to order at 9:30.

**Roll Call**—On request of the Bishop and in absence of the Secretary of the previous year R. F. Wagner called the roll and the following answered to their names.

*Conference Members*—Wilfred Bourgaize, J. R. Gates, E. H. Greeley, M. J. Murphree, T. A. O'Farrell, L. E. Tull, R. C. Gates.

*Conference Probationers*—G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor, F. G. Mauger, R. F. Wagner, Isaiah Darikwa, Clifford Faku, Benjamin Katsidzira, David Mandisodza, Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, Isaiah Munjoma, Ngazana Sadomba.

*The following Missionaries answered to their names:*

Miss E. E. Bjorklund, Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery, Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell, Mrs. G. A. Roberts, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Miss Georgia Beven, Miss G. Clark, Miss M. Fuller, Miss Stella Hess, Miss Sarah King, Miss Ethel McMann, Miss Agnes Moore, Miss Ona Parmenter, Miss Francis Quinton, Miss Bertha Ramsey, Miss Beulah Reitz, Miss Ila Scovill, Miss Oril Penney, Miss Ruth Hanson.

*The names of the native Pastor-Teachers were called and 67 responded*

**Organization**—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, R. F. Wagner was elected Secretary, and Miss Bertha Ramsey assistant.

**Statistician**—On motion R. C. Gates was elected statistician. H. E. Taylor was elected assistant.

**Treasurer**—On motion of J. R. Gates, M. J. Murphree was elected treasurer, J. R. Gates was elected assistant.

**Standing Committees**—On motion the standing committees were constituted as follows

*Committee on Evangelism*—L. E. Tull, E. H. Greeley, W. Bourgaize, F. G. Mauger, R. F. Wagner, Miss Ethel McMann, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Sarah King, Benjamin Katsidzira, Ngazana Sadomba, Philip Chieza, Thomas Marange, Isaiah Darikwa.

*Committee on Publications*—J. R. Gates, M. J. Murphree, R. C. Gates, F. G. Mauger, G. A. Roberts, T. A. O'Farrell, L. E. Tull, R. F. Wagner, E. H. Greeley, W. Bourgaize, H. E. Taylor, Miss Francis Quinton, Miss Beulah Reitz, Miss Stella Hess, Paul Mariyanga, Amos Kapenzi, Titus Marange and Samuel Chieza

*Committee on Resolutions*—M. J. Murphree, L. E. Tull, H. E. Taylor, R. F. Wagner, Miss Francis Quinton, Miss Marjorie Fuller, and Reginald Ngonyama.

*Committee on the State of the Church*—T. A. O'Farrell, M. J. Murphree, E. H. Greeley, Miss Stella Hess, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Sarah King, David Mandisodza and Clifford Faku.

*Board of Education*—R. C. Gates, W. Bourgaize, T. A. O'Farrell, G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor, J. R. Gates, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Mrs. R. C. Gates, Mrs. F. G. Mauger, Miss Bertha Rainsey, Miss Marjorie Fuller, Miss Agnes Moore, Clifford Faku, David Mandisodza, Isaiah Munjoma, John Nduna, Reginald Ngonyama and Moses Mparutsa.

*Committee on Hospital and Medical Work*—T. A. O'Farrell, G. A. Roberts, Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery, Miss E. E. Bjorklund, Miss Jennie Woodruff, Miss Ona Parmenter, Miss Oril Penney, and Miss Ruth Hanson, Job Tsiga, Enoch Munjoma and Davidson Katsidzira.

*Committee on Conference Relations*—E. H. Greeley, J. R. Gates, T. A. O'Farrell, H. I. James, M. J. Murphree, W. Bourgaize.

*Committee on District Conference Records*—W. Bourgaize, R. F. Wagner, R. C. Gates.

*Board of Examiners*—J. R. Gates, T. A. O'Farrell, E. H. Greeley, W. Bourgaize, H. I. James, M. J. Murphree.

*Committee of Conference Program*—The District Superintendents.

**Editor of Conference Minutes**—On motion R. F. Wagner was elected to edit and publish the minutes of this Conference session and the printed record of these minutes was made the official record of this conference.

**Hours of Conference**—On motion the hours of Conference were designated as from 8:30 to 11:30. On motion it was ordered that when Conference adjourns it adjourns to meet at the call of the Bishop.

**Greetings**—Greetings were bought by Bishop Johnson from the South East Africa Conference.

**Conference Boundaries**—On motion a resolution from the S. E. Africa Conference dated Oct. 26, 1926 and signed by the secretary J. A. Persson was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Memoirs**—On request of Bishop Johnson the names of four of our native brothers who have passed on to their reward during the year were referred to the Committee on Resolutions for a suitable mem. ir.

**Publication of the Gospel of John**—On motion the request of the American Bible Society for information with regard to the Chimanyika translation, with questions as to number and price of copies was referred to the Committee on Publication.

**Disciplinary Questions**—The following disciplinary questions were asked and answered in the negative: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30.

**Question Twenty Eight was asked**—and the following were elected as triers of appeals J. R. Gates, H. I. James, E. H. Greeley, T. A. O'Farrell and M. J. Murphree.

**Question Twenty Seven was asked.** “Who have been granted leave of absence?”. On motion H. I. James was granted leave of absence.

**Question Eight was asked**, “Who have been admitted into Full Membership?”. F. G. Mauger and Clifford Faku were called, their characters passed, their reports presented and after report by the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations, they were admitted to Full Membership in the Conference, advanced to Studies of the Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders.

G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor and David Mandisodza were called, their characters passed, and after report by the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations they were admitted to Full Membership in the Conference, and advanced to Studies of the Third Year.

Isaiah Munjoma was called, his character passed and after report by the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations was admitted into Full Membership in the Conference, advanced to Studies of the Third Year, and elected to Deacon's Orders,

Ngazana Sadomba was called, his character passed and his report presented. After the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction by the Rev. E. H. Greeley D.D. Conference adjourned at the expiration of time to meet at 3:30.

#### Afternoon Session Thursday November 4. 1926.

Conference was called to order at 3:30 P. M. by Bishop Johnson who conducted devotions. "In the Garden" was sung by the Native Sextette.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session which were corrected and approved.

**Question Eight was resumed**—After report by the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations Ngazana Sadomba was continued on trial and in the Studies of the Second Year.

Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, Benjamin Katsidzira, Isaiah Darikwa, were called, their characters passed, their reports presented and after report by the Board of Examiners and the Committee on Conference Relations they were admitted into Full Membership in the Conference, advanced to Studies of the Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders.

**Closing**—After the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction by Bishop Johnson, Conference adjourned at 4:35 P. M. to meet at 6: A. M. place to be designated by the pastor of the church for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### Second Day Friday November 5. 1926.

##### Native Assembly Day

Conference met at 6:15 A. M. for the Lord's Supper in an open air service, of which one thousand native people partook.

**Admission into Full Membership**—At 8:15 A. M. names of the candidates for admission into Full Membership in the Conference were called: F. G. Mauger, G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor, Isaiah Darikwa, Clifford Faku, Benjamin Katsidzira, David Mandisodza, Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, Isaiah Munjoma.

Bishop Johnson introduced the Rev. John White, superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission of Rhodesia who addressed the candidates using the native language.

Bishop Johnson then addressed the candidates who answered the necessary disciplinary questions and were admitted into the conference as full members.

Conference adjourned at 9:15 to meet at the call of the Bishop.

Third Day Saturday November 6. 1926

**Opening—**

Conference was called to order at 8:30 A. M. by the Bishop. After devotions conducted by Bishop Johnson the secretary read the minutes of the afternoon session of November 4th and of the session of Nov. 5th which were approved.

**Question Fifteen was asked**—“Was the character of each preacher examined?” The names of J. R. Gates, T. A. O’Farrell, W. Bourgaize, H. I. James, and M. J. Murphree were called and their characters passed.

**Question Eleven was asked**—“What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?” L. E. Tull, was called, his character passed and after report by the Board of Examiners he was graduated from the course of study.

**Question Fifteen was resumed**—The names of the following missionaries were called and their characters passed: Miss E. E. Bjorklund, Mrs. J. R. Gates, Mrs. H. I. James, Mrs. F. G. Mauger, Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery, Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery, Miss Pearl Mullikin, Mrs. M. J. Murphree, Mrs. T. A. O’Farrell, Mrs. G. A. Roberts, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Miss Georgia Beven, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Marjorie Fuller, Miss Stella Hess, Miss Sarah King, Miss Ethel McMann, Miss Agnes Moore, Miss Ona Parmenter, Miss Francis Quinton, Miss Bertha Ramsey, Miss Beulah Reitz, Miss Ila Scovill, Miss Jennie Woodruff, Miss Lulu Tubbs.

The names of the Native Workers on each Circuit were called and the characters of all those who are now in the work were passed.

**Special Committee**

On motion it was ordered that a special committee be appointed to meet with Rev. John White to consider a bill now pending before the Legislative Assembly and to frame a resolution. The following were appointed by the Bishop for this committee—T. A. O’Farrell, J. R. Gates, G. A. Roberts and Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery.

On motion it was ordered that the service for ordination of deacons be held in the church at an early hour Sunday morning and that the preaching service for natives be held in the open air at a later hour.

**Recess**—Conference took a recess of fifteen minutes reconvening at 10:35.

**Time extended**—On motion time was extended.

The Rev. John White addressed the conference at 11 A. M. on the subject of native Child Labor as it is involved in a bill now pending before the Legislative Assembly.

**Report**—J. R. Gates presented the report for the Old Umtali and Mutambara districts.

**Closing**—On motion conference adjourned after the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncement of the benediction.

## Fourth Day Monday Nov. 8, 1926

**Opening—**

Conference was called to order at 8:30 A.M. By the Bishop who conducted the devotion. The minutes of the session of Nov. 6th were read and approved.

**Question Six was asked**—“Who have been continued on trial?” R. F. Wagner was called, his character passed and after report by the Board of Examiners he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year

Reginald Ngonyama was called, his character passed and after report by the Board of Examiners that he had been credited with Studies of the Second Year he was Continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

**Question Five was asked**—“Who have been Received on Trial?” The names of Josiah Chimbadzwa and Zachariah Mukombiwa were called and after report by the Board of Examiners that they had passed all studies for admission on trial, and report of the Committee on Conference Relations they were received on trial and placed in the Studies of the First Year.

**Report**—T. A. O'Farrell presented the report for the Mrewa district.

**Memoirs**—The Committee on Resolutions presented words of appreciation in memory of James Villika and Thomas Jamera, followed by prayer by E. H. Greeley.

**Report**—Wilfred Bourgaize presented his report.

**Chair**—M. J. Murphree was called to the chair while Bishop Johnson retired to confer with the District Superintendents.

**Report**—Rev. G. A. Roberts presented his report.

**Recess**—On motion Conference took a recess of fifteen minutes reconvening at 10:30 with M. J. Murphree in the chair.

**Reports**—The following missionaries presented their reports: R. C. Gates, H. E. Taylor, L. E. Tull, R. F. Wagner.

**Chair**—Bishop Johnson resumed the chair.

**Associate Member**—On motion it was agreed that Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery be recognized as an Associate Member of Conference under paragraph 423 of the Discipline.

**Reports**—The reports of E. H. Greeley and S. R. P. Montgomery were presented.

**Adjourn at call**—On motion it was ordered that when conference adjourns it adjourns to meet at the call of the Bishop.

**Time extended**—On motion time was extended.

**Report**—The report of Miss E. E. Bjorklund was presented.

**Special Committee**—On motion a special committee was ordered on retirement and conference claimants allowances. The Committee was elected as follows: J. R. Gates, T. A. O'Farrell, H. E. Taylor, W. Bourgaize, Clifford Faku, Reginald Ngonyama, David Mandisodza and Murashwa Katsidzira.

**Reports**—Reports of the following Missionaries were presented: Miss Francis Quinton, Miss Stella Hess and Miss Lulu Tubbs.

**Closing**—On motion Conference adjourned at 12:00 M. after announcements, the singing of the Doxology and the pronouncement of the Benediction, to meet at the call of the Bishop.

**Fifth Day, Tuesday November 9. 1926**

**Morning Session**

Conference was called to order at 6.00 A. M. and devotions were conducted by Bishop Johnson. Minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved.

**Question Thirty one was taken up**—“What is the Statistical Report?” The Statistician presented his report. See (report). On motion The Statistician was authorized to change the headings of the Conference Statistical forms to conform to the Discipline.

**Question Thirty two was taken up**—“What is the Conference Treasurer's report?” The Conference Treasurer presented his report. (See-report).

**Question Thirty three was taken up**—And answered none.

**Question Thirty four was taken up**—“What are the claims on the Conference Funds?

None.

**Question Thirty five was taken up**—“(a) What has been received on this claims?” The Conference Treasurer reported Seven pounds, five shillings, ten pence received from the Book Concern during the last year. (b) “How has it been applied?” On motion it was ordered that this amount be deposited with the Board of Foreign Missions in New York to the credit of the Conference Claimants Fund.

**Conference Funds**—On motion the District Superintendents and the Conference Treasurer were designated as a committee to study the matter of handling the conference funds on hand that had previously been ordered used for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension but still on deposit with the Mission Treasure to discover a means of making these funds applicable in conformity to the Discipline.

**Question Forty was taken up**—“Where shall the next conference be held?”

After invitation of the Principal and the Pastor of Old Umtali it was moved and ordered that the next annual conference be held at Old Umtali

**Question Thirty seven was taken up**—“What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief, for connectional relief?” Nothing.

**Committee Reports**- *The Committee on resolutions* presented memoirs of Jerniah Mangunje and Sydney Makwehe after which friends paid tribute to their memory.

**District Conference Records** The Committee on District Conference Records gave its report. (See report).

**Medical Committee** The Medical Committee presented its report which was adopted after being considered item by item. (See report.)

On motion conference took recess for breakfast reconvening at 9:00 A.M.

**Memorial Tablets**- The special committee appointed to purchase and erect bronze tablets to the memories of Dr. Gurney and Rev. H. N. Howard reported, (See report)

**Conference Boundaries-** The Finance committee gave its report on the question raised by the South Africa Conference with regard to boundaries and on motion its its recommendation that this matter be referred to the South Africa Central Mission Conference was adopted,

**Publications-** On motion the report of the publication committee was adopted. (See reports).

**Native Juveniles Legislation-** On motion the report of the special committee appointed to frame a resolution on the pending legislation with regard to native juveniles was adopted. (See report).

**Chair** The Bishop retired with the district superintendents and M. J. Murphree took the chair at 10:15 A.M.

**Reports-** The following missionaries presented their reports- Miss Georgia Beven, Miss Grace Clark, Miss Sarah King, Miss Agnes Moore, Miss Bertha, Ramsey, Miss Beulah Reitz, Miss Ila Scovill, Miss Oril Penney. The report of Miss Jennie Woodruff was read. The reports of the following native ministers were presented: David Mandisodza, Isaiah Munjoma, and Reginald Ngonyama.

**Adjourn at call-** On motion it was ordered that when conference adjourns it adjourns to meet at the call of the Bishop.

**Closing-** After a song and the pronouncement of the Benediction conference adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop.

### Sixth Day, Tuesday Nov. 9, 1926.

#### Afternoon Session.

**Opening**—Conference was called to order at 4:20 P. M. By Bishop Johnson. After devotions and a song by the Conference Quartet the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

**Question Ten was taken up**—“What members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?”. R. C. Gates was called, his character passed and after report by the Board of Examiners he was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

**Question Fifteen was resumed**—The characters of Ruth E. Hanson and Oril A. Penney were passed.

**Leave of Absence**—On motion R. F. Wagner was granted leave of absence.

**Greetings**—Bishop Johnson read a telegram of greetings from Miss Lulu Tubbs.

**Reports**—*The Committee on Evangelism* presented its report and on motion it was adopted. ( See Report )

*The Committee on the State of the Church* presented its report and on motion it was adopted. ( See report ).

*The Board of Education* presented its report which was taken up item by item and on motion adopted. ( See reports ).

*The Committee on Resolutions* presented its report and on motion it was adopted. ( See reports ).

**Committee Continued**—On motion the special committee on retirement and Conference claimants allowances was ordered continued and instructed to report at the next conference.

**Native Pastors' Course of Study**—On motion the Board of Examiners was authorized to draw up a Course of Study for the Third Year for the Native Pastor Teachers.

**Conference Business—Explained**—On motion Miss Grace Clark and E. H. Greeley were constituted a special committee to review the minutes and reports of this Conference and to report any special items of interest to a special meeting of all the Pastor Teachers.

**Greetings**—On motion Bishop Johnson was asked to convey the hearty greetings of the Rhodesia Mission Conference to the Angola Conference.y.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to send the greetings of this Conference to those missionaries who were not able to be present, and also to express to Mrs. Johnson the hearty greetings and sympathetic appreciation of this Conference for her long continued hardships owing to the sickness of her daughter and the absence of the Bishop.

**Closing**—It was moved and ordered that after the reading and approval of the Journal, the reading of the appointments and after appropriate closing exercises Conference stand adjourned.

Bishop Johnson addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The doxology was sung.

Conference adjourned.

## Part IV

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Nyadiri, Mtoko Nov. 4 to Nov. 9, 1926

**Ques. 1- (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?**  
No.

(b) **What officers and persons holding moneys, funds, etc., are bonded, and in what amounts, according to the requirements of the Discipline?**  
None.

**2. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?**  
None.

**3. Who have been readmitted?**  
None.

**4. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?**  
None.

**5. Who have been received on trial?**  
(a) In Studies of the First Year?  
Josiah Chimbadzwa, Zachariah Mukombiwa.  
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule?  
None.

**6. Who have been continued on trial?**  
(a) In Studies of the First Year?  
None.  
(b) In Studies of the Second Year?  
Reginald Ngonyama, Ngazana Sadomba, R. F. Wagner.  
(c) In Studies of the Third Year?  
None  
(d) In Studies of the Fourth Year?  
None.

**7. Who have been discontinued?**  
None.

**8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**  
(a) Elected and ordained deacon this year.  
Isaiah Darikwa, Clifford Faku, Benjamin Katsidzira, Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, F. G. Mauger, Isaiah Munjoma.  
(b) Elected and ordained deacon previously.  
David Mandisodza, G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor.  
(c) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.  
None.  
(d) Ordained deacon, having been previously elected by Conference.  
None.

**9. What members are in the Studies of Third Year ?**

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.  
Isaiah Darikwa, Clifford Faku, Benjamin Katsidzira, David Mandisodza, Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, F. G. Mauger, Isaiah Munjoma, G. A. Roberts, H. E. Taylor.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. None.

**10. What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth year ?**  
R. C. Gates.

**11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?**

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
None.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.  
L. E. Tull.

(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.  
None.

(d) Elected to be ordained elsewhere.  
None.

(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously elected by ..... Conference.  
None.

(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.  
None.

**12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacon ?**

(a) As Local Preachers.  
None.

(b) Under the Missionary Rule.  
None.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
None.

(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.

**13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elder ?**

(a) As Local Deacons.  
None.

(b) Under the Missionary Rule.  
None.

(c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.

**14. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend one of our schools ?**  
None.

**15. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined ?**  
This was strictly done in open conference.

**16. Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences ?**  
None.

**17. Who have died ?**  
None.

18. Who have been Located at their Own Request ?  
None.
19. Who have been Located ?  
None.
20. Who have Withdrawn ?
  - (a) From the ministry.  
None.
  - (b) From the Ministry and the Membership of the Church.  
None.
  - (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.  
None.
21. Who have been Deprived of Ministerial Office ?  
None.
22. Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints ?  
None.
23. Who have been expelled ?  
None.
24. What other Personal Notation should be made ?  
None.
25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation ?  
None.
26. Who are the Retired Ministers ?  
None.
27. Who have been granted leave of absence ?  
H. I. James, R. F. Wagner.
28. Who are the Triers of Appeals ?  
J. R. Gates, H. I. James, E. H. Greeley, T. A. O'Farrell and M. J. Murphree
29. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension ?  
None.
30. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions ?  
None.
31. What is the Statistician's Report ?  
See Reports.
32. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report ?  
See Reports.
33. (a) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer ?  
None.

(b) What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Treasurer ?  
None.

34. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds ?**  
None.

35. (a) **What has been received on these claims ?**  
From the Book Concern, 7-5-10. From the Charted Fund, .....From Board of Pensions and Relief,.....From Annual Conference Investments,.....From Pastoral Charges,.....From Other Sources,.....Total.  
(a) How has it been applied ?  
Deposited with Board of Foreign Missions in New York to credit of Conference Claimants Fund.

36. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants ?**  
None.

37. **What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Pensions and Relief for Connec-tional Relief ?**  
None.

38. **Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its report ?**  
None.

39. **Where are the Preachers Stationed ?**  
See List of Appointments.

40. **Where shall the Next Conference be held ?**  
Old Umtali.

## Part V

## LIST OF CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

## Mrewa District

T. A. O'Farrell. Superintendent.

**Headlands Circuit**

Arnoldene  
Chigudu  
Chikore  
Dawara  
Fusire  
Magura and Zowa  
Manuhwa  
Mufunde  
Mushenje  
Mutibura  
Muvundudzi

**David Mandisodza**

*To be Supplied*  
Ephraim Nyamagodo  
James Mrewa  
Stephen Kagora  
John Cheke  
Philemon Mazayiwana  
Jefferson Siyawamwaya  
Simeon Dzapasi  
Jotham Risinamudzi  
Joseph Makuto  
Samson Bumhira

**Mrewa Center**

Principal of School  
Dispensary

{ *To be Supplied by District*  
{ *Superintendent*

Pearl Mullikin  
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell

## Native Teachers

Samuel Chieza  
Francis Bangwayi  
Roderick Kunyarimwe  
Agnes Muradzikwa  
Ruth Muzhambozha

**Mtoko Circuit****Mtoko Circuit Assistant**

Chifodlya  
Chingwena  
Chinagureyi  
Chitekwa  
Katambarari  
Katonha  
Kowo  
Madimutza  
Madzande  
Makosa  
Mapanda and Makokoro  
Mazarura and Mbotzanzira  
Mutswairi and Tsiga  
Nyakambau and Gwenambira  
Nyamakopi  
Nyangu and Mfawa  
Nyakuchena  
Nyambipo  
Nyatsini

## Wilfred Bourgaize

Ngazana Sadomba  
David Gurupira  
David Njagu  
Nathan Chieza  
*To be Supplied*  
Simeon Chiwara  
Shadrach Nyemba  
Samuel Gurende  
John Machingarufu  
Jonathan Murumbedzi  
*To be Supplied*  
John Wesley Mukasa  
Ciprian Urudzi  
Elisha Mvududu  
Phillip Pundu  
{ Thomas Zata and  
{ Noah Kalowangoma  
Phillip Mukarakati  
*To be Supplied*  
Benson Manganyi  
Jonah Zitsenga

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Sasa and Mucheru           | Jacob Samakande   |
| Nyamkoho                   | Nathan Kowo   |
| <b>Mtoko Center</b>        | <b>W. Bourgaize</b>   |
| Native Teacher             | Harrison Marange  |
| <b>North Mrewa Circuit</b> | <i>To be Supplied</i>   |
| Chidakwa                   | Peter Chitiyo   |
| Chipfunde                  | David Mudarikwa   |
| Choruwa                    | Daniel Chatayika  |
| Dandara and Madangombe     | { Murashwa Katsidzira and<br>{ Gideon Mukadota  |
| Gomba                      | Solomon Pawirimanzi   |
| Gosha and Jacobs           | Solomon Mapara  |
| Gadaga                     | Aaron Mkwewu  |
| Kambarami                  | Obediah Kanyoka   |
| Kaseke and Gotoru          | { Peter Zisengwe and<br>{ Maurice Mazunda   |
| Katiyo                     | Nathaniel Mupondiwa   |
| Marongedza and Tome        | Jonah Kanyuchi  |
| Mashambanhaka and Nyagina  | Samuel Pendek and Paul Kangaradi  |
| Matyekera                  | <i>To be Supplied</i>   |
| Mudarikwa and Gurure       | Richard Karumazondo   |
| Chitimbe                   | James Musiarira   |
| Zaranyika                  | Jonah Mupese  |
| <b>South Mrewa Circuit</b> | <i>To be Supplied</i>   |
| Chaanetsa                  | Benson Musimwa  |
| Chiguri                    | Abraham Tsoka   |
| Chikono                    | Lawrence Machekeche   |
| Diza and Nyamutumbu        | Thomas Nataro   |
| Gumbanjera                 | Luke Chieza   |
| Karumazondo                | William Chieza  |
| Makore                     | Nicodemus Chikazhi  |
| Mapanga and Maziwanhangwa  | Joshua Muredzwa   |
| Marumisa and Dzungu        | Solomon Munotomani  |
| Mrewa Kraal and Bere       | Amos Chifete  |
| Mutize and Nyagwizo        | Daniel Matema and Dawson Cheke  |
| Mukusha                    | Elison Mbereke  |
| <b>Nyadiri Center</b>      | L. E. Tull  |
| Medical Work               | Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery   |
| Nurse ( W. F. M. S. )      | Ona Parmenter   |
| Native Assistant           | Job Tsiga   |
| W. F. M. S.                | Frances Quinton   |
| District Evangelist        | Bertha Ramsey   |
| Native Assistants          | Ila Scovill   |
|                            | Grace Clark   |
|                            | { Moses Gwata, Susannah Marange,<br>{ Leah Katsidzira, Alena Samo,<br>{ Anna Manyarara. |
| <b>Salisbury</b>           | Titus Marange   |
| <b>Uzumba Circuit</b>      | <i>To be Supplied</i>   |

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Chidodo and Chimbwanda | Stephen Mukonda  |
| Kasambarari            | Peter Mufundi    |
| Mugabi                 | Timothy Makota   |
| Mupaya                 | Jonah Katuruza   |
| Mutanho and Mango      | Joseph Chakonda  |
| Sori and Kugumbo       | Joshua Mujuru    |
| Zanga                  | Jonathan Marange |

### Mutambara and Old Umtali Districts

**J. R. Gates**, Superintendent.

#### Chiduku Circuit

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Muziti      | <i>To be Supplied</i> |
| Gururi      | { Philip Chieza and   |
| Mataranyika | { Elmer Kazomba       |
| Kufa        | Joseph Chiri          |
| Chiduku     | Jacob Mandizerwa      |
| Sharara     | Isaiah Musamba        |
| Katsidzura  | Joshua Chirikuutsi    |
| Chitewera   | Anderson Kachisi      |
| Mugomba     | Simeon Machiri        |
| Kapfuma     | <i>To be Supplied</i> |
| Gorikori    | "                     |
| Mupesi      | "                     |
| Bako        | "                     |
| Chikunda    | "                     |

#### Gandanzara Circuit

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Gandanzara | <i>To be Supplied</i>     |
| Tswikiro   | { Benjamin Katsidzira and |
| Mukahanana | { Wilson Mandisodza       |
| Zuzi       | <i>To be Supplied</i>     |
| Mapara     | { Maxin Mutambanengwe and |
| Dingi      | { Kenneth Marange         |

#### Marange Circuit

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Odzi                     | <i>To be Supplied</i>  |
| Gwawawa                  | David Mupikata   |
| Wendumba                 | Benjamin Nyambawaro  |
| Makomwe                  | Lot Munotumani   |
| Chipango                 | Isaiah Tichiwanhunyi   |
| Chirinda                 | Zacheus Madzirashe   |
| Mafararikwa              | Samson Matanga   |
| Matanda                  | Enoch Chiyadzwa  |
| Shundure                 | Samson Zwinoyerwa  |
| Maswaure                 | Nelson Mukondi   |
| Masasi                   | Moses Mufokozana   |
| Mutsago                  | Edward Makoni  |
| Chikwariro North & South | { Moses Mparutsa and<br>{ Johnson Chingono<br>{ Supplied by Ezekiel Mvurumutiya<br>{ and Aaron Gwawawa |

**Mutambara Circuit**

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Nyambeya  | Reginald Ngonyama     |
| Chitora   | Jeremiah Kapfumvuti   |
| Munyarari | Thomas Kamusono       |
| Dunhu     | { Jonah Chitombo      |
| Chikowa   | { Samuel Mvududu      |
| Shinja    | Johnson Chikosi       |
| Ruwaka    | <i>To be Supplied</i> |
| Mugowa    | " "                   |
| " "       | " "                   |
| " "       | " "                   |

**Mutambara Centre**

Principal Co-ed School

W. F. M. S.

Assistants

Dispensary

|                      |
|----------------------|
| H. E. Taylor         |
| Mrs. H. E. Taylor    |
| { Lulu Tubbs         |
| { Sarah King         |
| { M. Ethel McMann    |
| { Reginald Ngonyama  |
| { Joseph Nyamurowa   |
| { Silas Kasambira    |
| { Norah Mufudza      |
| { Margaret Chifakoya |
| Jennie G. Woodruff   |

**Old Utmali Circuit**

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Manyarara         |
| Mandiambira       |
| Marara & Mundenda |
| Chiremba          |
| Barry Farm        |
| Premier Estate    |
| Penhalonga        |

*To be Supplied*

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| John Katsaruware      |
| Philemon Benengu      |
| Thomas Pedzeni        |
| Watt Makaza           |
| Amos Kapswara         |
| <i>To be Supplied</i> |
| { Isaiah Munjoma      |
| { Edison Musiwachio   |
| { Stella Hess         |
| { Marjorie L. Fuller  |
| { Agnes S. Moore      |
| Oril A. Penney        |
| { Grace Mafokosho     |
| { Susanna Marange     |

**Fairfield Girls' School**

W. F. M. S. Nurse

Assistants

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| G. A. Roberts         |
| F. G. Mauger          |
| R. C. Gates           |
| { Mrs G. A. Roberts   |
| { Mrs. F. G. Mauger   |
| { Mrs. R. C. Gates    |
| { Mrs. M. J. Murphree |

**Hartzell Institute**

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| Principal and Professor of       |
| Agriculture and Animal Husbandry |
| Director of Industrial Work      |

|                     |
|---------------------|
| Noah Dimikira       |
| { Clifford Faku     |
| { Amos Kapenzi      |
| { Silas Chitakatira |
| { John Nduna        |

Dean of Literary Dept. Associates

Location School

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Dean of Theological Dept. and |
| Pastor of O. U. Church        |
| Asst. Agricultural Dept       |
| Asst. Industrial Dept.        |

Assts. Literary Dept.

## APPOINTMENTS

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Asst. Theological Dept.  
Old Umtali Dispensary

Josiah Chimbadzwa  
{ Ellen Bjorklund  
{ Ruth E. Hanson

### Umtali Circuit

Umtali  
Muradzikwa  
Dangare  
Chitakatira  
Bvumba  
Chirara  
Zonwe  
Murare  
Mukozhiwa

Thomas Marange  
{ Thomas Marange and  
{ Asst. To be Supplied  
Martin Nyagura  
Johnson Sachiti  
Job Gondora  
Paul Mavisa  
Gilbert Rakabopa  
Peter Pasingekanyi  
Daniel Chitenderu  
Isaac Masiya

### St. Andrews (European)

J. R. Gates

### Umtasa Circuit

Nyakatsapa  
Nyamukwarara  
Rupinda  
Samanga  
Buwu  
Zinyembe  
Nhunhamwa  
Shirukuru  
Vumbunu  
Maguwa  
Mandeya

Isaiah Darikwa  
{ Isaiah Darikwa and  
{ Morrison Parwhehos  
Elisha Makoni  
Samuel Matongo  
Moses Chisamba  
James Chikusi  
Joshua Mutsago  
Elias Jangano  
Paul Mareya  
James Mujene  
Stephen Chirewa  
*To be Supplied*

### Special Appointments

Conference Medical Adviser  
Mission Press  
Mission Correspondent  
On Furlough  
Leave of Absence

Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery.  
E. H. Greeley  
R. C. Gates  
{ Georgia  
{ Beulah Reitz  
R. F. Wagner

## Part VI

## Report of J. R. Gates.

Superintendent of Old Umtali and Mutambara Districts.

There is no place for complacency at any point in any of our ranks. Always things undone outnumber things done and established. Yet, on another hand, the God and Father of the Son by whose faith we live stands out in this great hour in the unspeakable splendor of all His essential attributes unmatched by the most extravagant imagination of man in any age and in all ages. If we have to choose between Christ and what the world calls Christianity we must say with Peter, "Thou hast the words of eternal life; thou art the Son of the Most High God."

Church organizations or circuits have not increased in number but all have increased in size. And each one is becoming more and more disciplinary in form. There has been given a chance for self-expression. Pastor-teachers, stewards, class-leaders, Sunday School Superintendents, Sunday School teachers and other leaders have received special help. At each out-station the pastor-teacher is either a Local Preacher or an Exhorter, according to his previous training: He holds weekly Leaders and Stewards meetings, Sunday School teacher training classes and examines all the class meeting record books, besides his regular duties. The Sunday School is a very great factor in our evangelistic work and it is doing remarkably well. If we fail to give the Sunday School a larger place we cannot but show a lack of concern and a lack of vision. Wherever normal training is given we should give at least eighteen hours a year in teaching how to teach the Bible. A special system of evangelism has been carried out so that each station has special advantages once or twice a year. Many urgent calls come from many new quarters for regular pastor-teachers.

The question of increased self-help is a complex one. What we call "collections" are slightly better yet not satisfactory. The whole of what might be called the Secular Economy of Native Life is an adverse factor. As a consumer the native faces a dual advance in economic circumstances: an advance in his wants and an advance in price of each article he wants. As a producer, he faces a stagnant wage system. Only as our Agriculturists are able to reach out and help is the situation relieved at all. All this faces us just at a time when we should be considering a plan to withdraw, on a carefully regulated scale, missionary support from older circuits. Say, draw twenty per cent, for each five years of the life of a circuit so that, at the end of twenty five years, a circuit should become entirely self-supporting. This will have to be done if we are to continue to enlarge our borders.

The Rhodesia Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church has a unique chance of establishing a system of education that may thoroughly conform to the injunction of Christ: "Go and teach" and to the great teaching principle of his life. At our centers the work is heroic and successful beyond what we have any right to expect. We have practically full control of our out station schools. These schools improve only in proportion as we are able to improve the teachers' grade and give each school adequate personal supervision. A two-years' course of Bible work has been hastily arranged and printed and this is just a good beginning. We have come very far short of perfecting our educational system and meeting our full, educational responsibilities in Rhodesia.

Somewhere in the great afflicted past a great physician said, "Go, heal, build temples for the Holy Spirit and keep them in repair." But the largest part of Christ's three years' record was a healing record. Yet his healing program could not possibly have meant more to his work and his kingdom than our healing program means to the work right here. Our great need now is for trained, native, first aid men and women who will work at the out-stations who will also know when a patient should be brought to the center and how he should be carried.

At each Quarterly Conference the aim has been to take some particular phase of the work, search every corner of it, and then build it better and stronger. Most of our Conferences are too large for the time we have to give to them. At practically every conference, fifty people or more come into some advanced relation to the church.

A new step that is having a most helpful effect upon our work was taken in the form of a Sunday School and Class meeting Convention; about one hundred and fifty delegates attended. Ever, phase of Sunday School and Class meeting work was thoroughly discussed.

One District Conference was held and a good, full program carried out thoroughly. It opened up a great field of opportunities and revealed the probability that there must be a way by which we could do more than we are doing to meet the total situation before us.

The status of our European work is about the same. There has been no marked spiritual progress, yet there are frequent and unmistakable signs of the presence and power of God. For the past two and a half years or more, St. Andrews has met current expenses and ministerial support in full besides executing repairs on the church property. It is only fair to say that they pay well for everything they get from the mission.

The colored community is not properly cared for. Many of them are Wesleyans, but are our responsibility, since the withdrawal of that body.

Our pastor-teachers are worthy of very high commendation, nearly all having made high marks in efficiency this past year. As Local Preachers and Exhorters they have all taken regular studies and been examined. The Teachers' Institute idea does not seem to yield to practical execution. There is another plan that seems quite capable of being worked. That is the adoption of a ten weeks' course running twice a year, as, from the middle of March to the end of May and again from the beginning of August to the middle of October. The course should be available to a different group each time. This course could be carried in connection with the Bible Department at Hartzell Institute and possibly other centers.

The Native ministers have surpassed expectation. If we, as missionaries, do our part well in God's sight we need not fear for the Church in this land. It would mean much if we could help them to so organize their work that at least one week in every five-ten weeks a year-the work would be lighter and they could have regular study with a missionary.

Probably there are some people in the world better than some missionaries, and probably all missionaries have some short-comings. Notwithstanding, there are four groups of missionaries who, for the past sixteen months, have given themselves unstintedly and unselfishly to full, hard tasks, and tasks that have prospered bountifully and richly in their hands. Each one of them deserves high and fervent tribute, and may such tribute be theirs in the name of Him who doeth all things well.

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

## Report of T. A. O'Farrell

## Superintendent Mrewa District

The past conference year has been rather a trying one. Duties have been abundant. Difficulties have been many. Doubtless mistakes have been made. That there have not been more mistakes I have to thank a loving Father. His messages have often come in the form of encouragement and helpful suggestions from my fellow missionaries and the Native Pastors. I am deeply grateful to all of them. Without this loyal co-operation the year would have been dreary indeed.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness among both missionaries and Native Pastors. I think not more than one missionary has escaped fever. That Mrs. O'Farrell's illness did not result more seriously we have cause to be very thankful. Death has claimed four of the Native Brethren. Jeremiah Mugunje, one of the younger Pastor-Teachers who showed great promise died early in this conference year.

James Vilika, who for several years has been retired went to his reward in July. Thomas Jamela, who was left without appointment at last conference because of ill-health, died at Nyadiri last June. On the very same day Sydne Makwehe, one of our strongest men died at Mrewa from blackwater fever. Daniel Chatayika, a former school friend sat up seven nights in succession Amos Chigumira, who was left without appointment last year, continues ill at Mashambanhaka. Amos' hut has become a veritable shrine where Christians and non-Christians congregate and find real blessing and comfort. Long after he became unable to walk he kept on meeting classes in his hut and still teaches singing there.

We have had several distinguished visitors during the year. His Excellency, The Governor of Rhodesia, Bishop and Mrs. Fisher of India, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley High of the Board of Foreign Missions have all visited the work of the District, have seemed pleased with what they found, and have given us encouragement.

*Headlands Circuit.*

Headlands Circuit has made steady progress. Rev., David Mandisodza has had charge of this work now for a long enough period to prove the value of this kind of supervision. I still do the school visitation but all else falls to the Native men. The Spiritual life on the circuit shows improvement. The church collections compare favorably with those from any other circuit. Far up on the Chikore Reserve among a very backward people, thriving work is developing.

*Salisbury*

Our Salisbury work under the leadership of Titus Marange, in co-operation with the Wesleyans, continues to do well. A stranger would never know that the two preachers belonged to different churches. The great united congregation of fully a thousand people meeting in the Wesleyan church every Sunday is an inspiring sight. And this fine Christian body is exerting a great force for righteousness in the Native community of the Capital.

*Mrewa Center.*

At Mrewa Center the church is in the most prosperous condition in its history. The Christian Community embraces a larger number of the Native men in the Government service than ever before.

Miss Mullikin's work continues to fill a large place in the lives of the women and girls for miles about. Her school is doing well and called forth a splendid report from the Inspector. Among the forty Boarding Boys I think I see a good number of future teachers. We have erected two brick dormitories for the girls during the year. Forty thousand bricks have also been made.

In addition to Mr. Tull's work as Treasurer and on the South Mrewa Circuit, he has been able to erect Mr. Wagner's house at Nyadiri, and has spent three months at Old Umtali working on the Trades Building. I have looked after the North Mrewa Circuit. There has been improvement on both these circuits.

Mrs. O'Farrell was appointed in charge of the dispensary and has cared for it thruout the year except when she was in the hospital. Taking care of the sick at Mrewa is quite a task. A nurse at this place and a few brick rooms for patients would be a great blessing.

*Nyadiri Mission.**Rush F.*

Nyadiri has made considerable development. Mr. Wagner took charge of this station immediately after conference. He found much to do and little to do with. He has worked quietly, efficiently and economically.

The establishment of a Boys' Boarding School, a good sized location for married people, the erection of Kimberley brick farm buildings and dormitories, burning bricks for residence, harvesting a crop where land had not previously been plowed, all in addition to the routine teaching and station visitation constitute an achievement for one conference year

The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has developed with Misses Quinton, Ramsey and Scovill. A fine set of dormitories have been erected, and the school work has thus become more effective. I cannot praise too highly the efficiency with which this work is being carried on.

Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery arrived a year ago last August. The Doctor lost no time in getting into his task, and the volume of medical work has increased enormously. I have been particularly impressed by the care with which he has conserved all that was done before he came. We do not hope to have the medical work at Nyadiri developed as we want it within a year, or five years. Here is a medical center in the midst of a typical native population extending 40 miles to the West, 70 miles North, about 60 or 70 miles South. The mere task of bringing the patients and the doctor together constitutes a major problem: Satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Government whereby Dr. Montgomery serves as District Surgeon. The beginning which has been made in the treatment of leprosy has brought great satisfaction to many of us who have been longing for this very thing. Mrs. Montgomery has shared in every task as a fine type of missionary.

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

A few months ago Miss Clark returned to Nyadiri to take up Evangelistic work. This is a new departure. But we welcomed it. So far Miss Clark has visited nearly all the stations on the Uzumba, North Mrewa, and South Mrewa Circuits, and some on the Mtoko Circuit. And together with some of the other women has conducted Conferences for the teachers wives at both Nyadiri and Headlands. She remains at a station long enough to really get in touch with the people and understand their problems.

Another addition was made to the Nyadiri staff a few weeks ago when Miss Parmenter came to work with Doctor Montgomery. The work of both Doctor and Nurse are thus made more effective.

*Mtoko.*

At last conference Mr. Bourgaize was relieved of the care of the Uzumba Circuit and has been able this year to give Mtoko his undivided attention. Here is almost a clear field among about 37,000 people. People are coming into the Kingdom not by tens or scores but by hundreds. The work means difficult journeys and some hardships. But there is a glorious harvest. It is a chance of a life time. Not many missionaries will see what Brother Bourgaize is seeing now. And I am certain that he is able to properly value the work and the opportunity. Oh for forty trained men to thrust into this harvest.

*Conclusion.*

A very successful District Conference and Teachers Institute was held which was appreciated by the Native men. Any such instruction as this brings in large returns. When we survey the tremendous task of helping this backward people lay the foundation of the Kingdom we are overwhelmed. And we stand in deep humility in the consciousness of our inability and unworthiness. We are simply thrown back on God who is able to do all things.

A few of the most pressing needs as we see it are: (1). A strengthening of all the Educational and Medical work. (2). A large force of better trained men at as early a date as is possible. (3). Some more effective method of dealing with the people in their homes on these Reserves. Poverty is the word that perhaps best describes the lives of these people. Poverty of material comforts; poverty of social ideals; poverty of religious conceptions. Richness must be poured into their lives and we must be very careful not to further impoverish their lives. In a word a way must be found whereby the best Christian lives that we can muster may be BURIED in these backward communities, there sympathetically and intelligently and with the Grace of God to bring Regeneration to the entire economic, social, and spiritual life. Oh, God, help us to know how this may be done and usher in thy Kingdom.



**Report of Committee on Evangelism**

Evangelism is an essential part of the program of every Methodist Church, and we would call attention to its importance in the regular church services as well as in special meetings. Circuit revival meetings have been held very extensively with good results, and we encourage their continuance. However, when they are held at one church, with all the pastor teachers present, the other churches on the circuit must not be neglected. The regular church service and Sunday-School may be conducted by a steward or other church worker, and the usual Sunday School session at the place of meeting should not be omitted. Special evangelistic teams have gone out from the centers during vacations and held meetings on various circuits. We thoroughly endorse this practice. It is not only a means of evangelizing the kraal people, but gives those who go out practical training and inspiration. We call attention of the pastor teachers to the fact that although shouting and physical demonstration may accompany a religious experience, they are not necessary to it, and their excessive indulgence should be discouraged.

The ground gained by revival meetings may be almost entirely lost if no following-up work is done. New converts must be taught how to live the christian life, encouraged and guided in the right way and given something to do in the church. the importance of prayer and Bible reading must be emphasized. The work can never be successful unless the pastor teacher himself keeps in close communion with God.

We rejoice in the fight that our pastor teachers are waging against evil. In last year's report, attention was called to a number of the more common sins, and we know that strenuous efforts are being made to overcome them, and we exhort our workers to continue their endeavors. As a help in this our teachers must do their best to instruct the boys and girls in healthful, christian play. Their lives must be so filled with good things that there is no room for the evil. "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Care should be taken that all prospective member are properly instructed and brought to realize the responsibility of the christian life. When a member falls into sin, and is removed from the church, he is not lost; and every effort should be made to bring him back.

We recommend that a committee be appointed to select all material from the conference minutes that should be known by the pastor teachers, and that this should be published in the Umbowo.

**Report of Publishing Committee**

Resolved that we notify the American Bible Society that the original need for the Gospel of John alone is no longer so strongly felt; that we think there will be limited sale for this Gospel at ten cents a copy inasmuch as the entire New Testament in the vernacular is now available at thirty-five cents a copy; and that if the Bible Society desires to proceed with the printing of this Gospel and assume responsibility for the same, we shall make reasonable effort to dispose of an edition of 5,000 copies.

**Report of Committee on Resolutions.***Visitors.*

We greatly appreciate the presence of The Rev. John White, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church in Southern Rhodesia, and Miss Smallwood of Waddilove Institute, during the first three days of our Conference. Their messages and the fraternal spirit which they have shown have been a benediction to us all.

*New and Returned Missionaries.*

We are happy to receive in our ranks the new missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Ruth E. Hanson and Miss Oril A. Penney, to whom we wish joy in many years of fruitful service in Rhodesia.

We welcome Miss Lulu Tubbs, Miss Ona Parmenter, Miss Marjorie Fuller, Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Murphree and children back from furlough. We rejoice with these, our fellow-workers, because of the providence of God in returning them safely to the field.

*Entertainment.*

It has been a great pleasure to meet at Nyadiri, our youngest mission center, where we have been so hospitably and comfortably entertained. It is a real joy to see with our own eyes the rapid development of this, our newest work. We want to give our hearty "thank you" for every kindness shown,

M. J. Murphree.

**Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.**

We consider that the Church in the Rhodesia Mission Conference is in a healthy, growing condition, as shown by: increased evangelistic effort throughout the length and breadth of our work, increase in number of members and adherents, the large number of new, permanent buildings, and increase in self-support and tithing. Special mention should be made of the work of evangelistic bands which have gone out from centers and have given freely of their time in revival work among the out-stations. We greatly appreciate the voluntary work of class leaders, Sunday school teachers, stewards and other assistants, especially of those who have started new stations or who have maintained the work in places where there are no Pastor-Teachers.

We again call the attention of the conference to our responsibility to the Indians and Colored people in Umtali and urge that steps be taken at once to minister to them.

In one important sense this conference marks an epoch in our work. The admission of seven of our native brethren into full membership in the conference, an event to which we have looked forward since the beginning of our work, has brought great joy to our hearts. Some of these men have already been in charge of circuits and the results of their work have shown the wisdom of our native brethren having a place in the direction of the affairs of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

## Report of Board of Education November 1926.

1. Acknowledging the excellent work already done by Dr. Greeley, Miss Clark and Miss Reitz, chosen last year to organize a course of study in Chimanyika for the use of missionaries; we recommend that this committee be continued that they may complete the course which they have begun. Further, it appears highly advisable that all new missionaries be given as light a schedule of work as possible, during the first year after their arrival on the field, to the end that Chimanyika may be studied.

2. We recommend that Mr. R. C. Gates be appointed a committee of one to collect History and Geography textbooks, and, if possible, from them compile a History and Geography text, or an Historical Geography.

3. We recommend that in our schools the national anthem, "God Save the King" be taught, and also recommend that this song be printed in the new hymn book.

4. We recommend that, if possible; without increasing their cost, the first and second Chimanyika Primers be bound in cloth instead of paper, and that they shall be sewed.

5. We recommend that a committee be appointed to draw up a day-school Bible course, and that the course thus provided be put into use immediately.

6. We recommend that each district introduce at once, a pastor teachers' short course including Bible, music, church organization etc., and make such course available twice a year, for different groups of pastor teachers whose stations and work can be supplied and taken care of by others.

7. We recommend that provision be made for each native minister to receive special help from some missionary or missionaries one week every three months.

8. We recommend that the system of print writing used in the English schools be tried in a class or classes for a period of six months, and that further information in regard to it be obtained from the Department of Education.

9. We recommend that the daily lesson helps in English, partly prepared by Mrs. Taylor and Miss Reitz, be completed and printed, and that a list of the miracles and parables be included in the booklet. We also recommend that the helps in Arithmetic, prepared by Miss Beven, shall be printed, and that both of these booklets be cloth covered and made available for distribution.

10. We recommend that Miss Ramsey be appointed to prepare a short course of blackboard lesson, based on the First Primer, and that this be published in the English book.

11. We recommend that the matter of tuition for Hartzell Institute and our boarding schools, be left to a special committee consisting of the District Superintendents, the men in charge of the three boys' schools, the ladies in charge of the three girls' schools, with Reginald Ngonyama, Clifford Faku, and Moses Mparutsa; who shall report to the next session of the Finance Committee.

12. We recommend that we point out, and draw the attention of the pastor-teachers and other helpers to the fact that they are full-time workers, and that they are responsible for their appointed duties during the vacations the same as during school term. This applies to native teachers and helpers at the Central Training schools as well as to those in the kraals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Board of Education.

Agnes S. Moore, Sec'y.

### Report of Committee on Medical Work

1. We repeat the requests of last year, namely: the enlargement of the maternity department at Old Umtali; the building of a dispensary at Mrewa; and that we continue our efforts to secure another doctor and more nurses.

2. We recommend that efforts be made to secure larger income for medical work at Old Umtali.

3. We recommend that the possibility of medical training be offered to our higher-trained boys on the same grounds that additional training is offered to pastor-teachers and that it be presented to the teachers at this conference.

4. We recommend that we put forth an effort throughout all of our work to find Standard girls for training in maternity work.

5. We repeat our request to the Board of Foreign Missions that it solicit funds to serve as an endowment to the memory of Dr. Gurney, the income to be used for the salary of a doctor.

6. We recommend that a nurse be stationed at Mrewa as soon as possible.

Ona M. Partmenter.

### Report of the Committee on Memorial Tablets

The committee has prepared the inscriptions and selected the design of the tablets. The cost will be about \$150. Subscriptions are now being secured and we expect to be able to purchase the tablets in a short time.

T. A. O'Farrell.

### Report of Committee on District Conference Records.

The minutes of the District Conference of the Mutambara and Old Umtali Districts held at Old Umtali, Oct. 14-20, 1925, have been examined and found in order. The Mrewa District Conference minutes have not been presented.

W. Bourgaize

R. Wagner

R. C. Gates

**Report of Finance Committee on "Conference Boundary."**

Recommended that the resolution from the South East Africa Conference relative to change of boundary between that Conference and the Rhodesia Mission Conference be referred to the South Africa **Central** Mission Conference and that a letter be written to the secretary of the South East Africa Conference informing them that it has been so referred.

**Report of the Committee appointed by the Rhodesia Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to consider the Bill before the Legislative Assembly, which is intended to deal with Native Juveniles,**

*Resolved:*

That this Conference fully sympathises with the Government in its desire to control more fully the movement of Native Juveniles and to regulate their employment. At the same time the Conference considers that some of the clauses of the Bill now before the Legislative Assembly which aims at dealing with this problem are open to strong objection and ought to be re-considered.

(1.) We offer no objection to the proposal to register these Native Juveniles and allow them to seek work. We do however contend that such children cannot understand the full implications of the contracts into which they enter and should not be allowed to make one for a period of more than three months. This would not prevent them of course from renewing a contract which had expired.

(2) The Conference considers that to confer on Native Commissioners the power to indenture Juveniles under certain conditions is dangerous and liable to abuse. The Natives are sure to regard this as an unwarranted curtailment of their liberty and chafe under its enforcement.

(3). We also consider that to give Native Commissioners authority to inflict corporal punishment for what is a civil offence is a dangerous precedent.

We humbly urge upon the Government to reconsider their proposals and devise some means of meeting the case wherein these objectionable features have no place.

Copies of these resolutions to be sent to His Excellency, the Governor, and the Right Honorable, The Prime Minister.

Signed

T. A. O'Farrell  
J. R. Gates

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that on the seventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty six, at Nyadiri Mission Station, Rhodesia, I ordained as Deacons: F. G. Mauger, Isaiah Darikwa, Clifford Faku, Benjamin Katsidzira, Thomas Marange, Titus Marange, and Isaiah Munjoma.

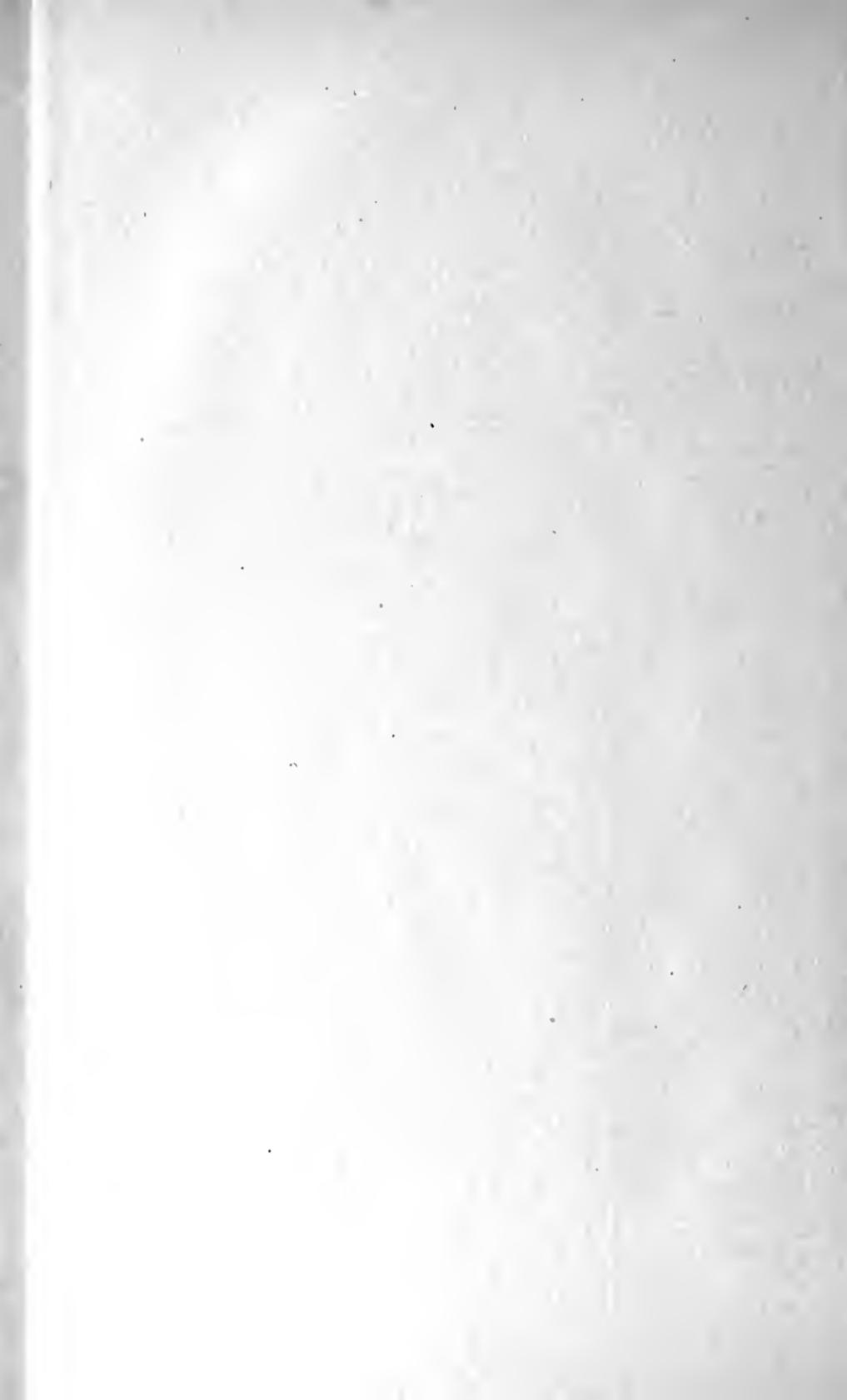
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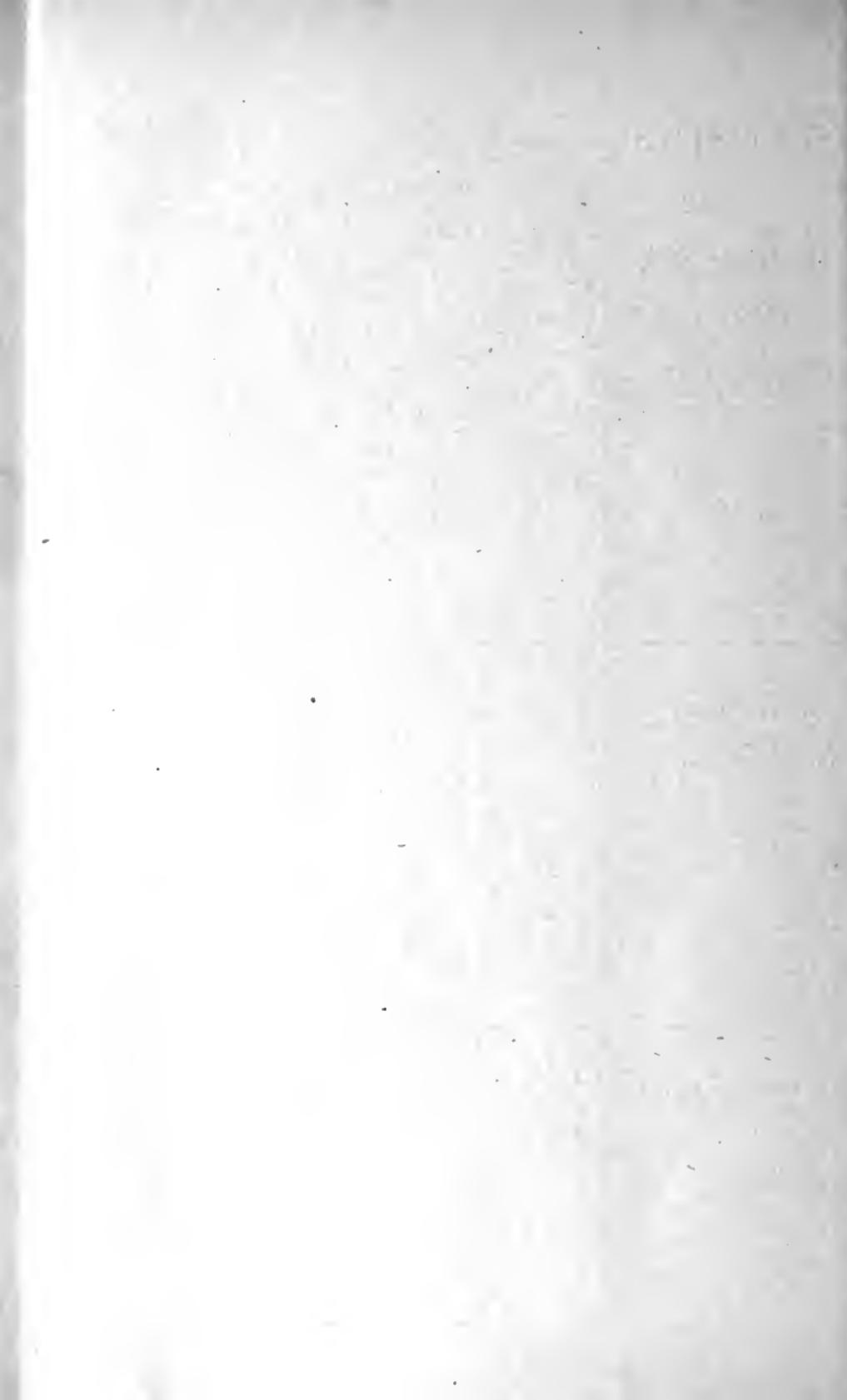
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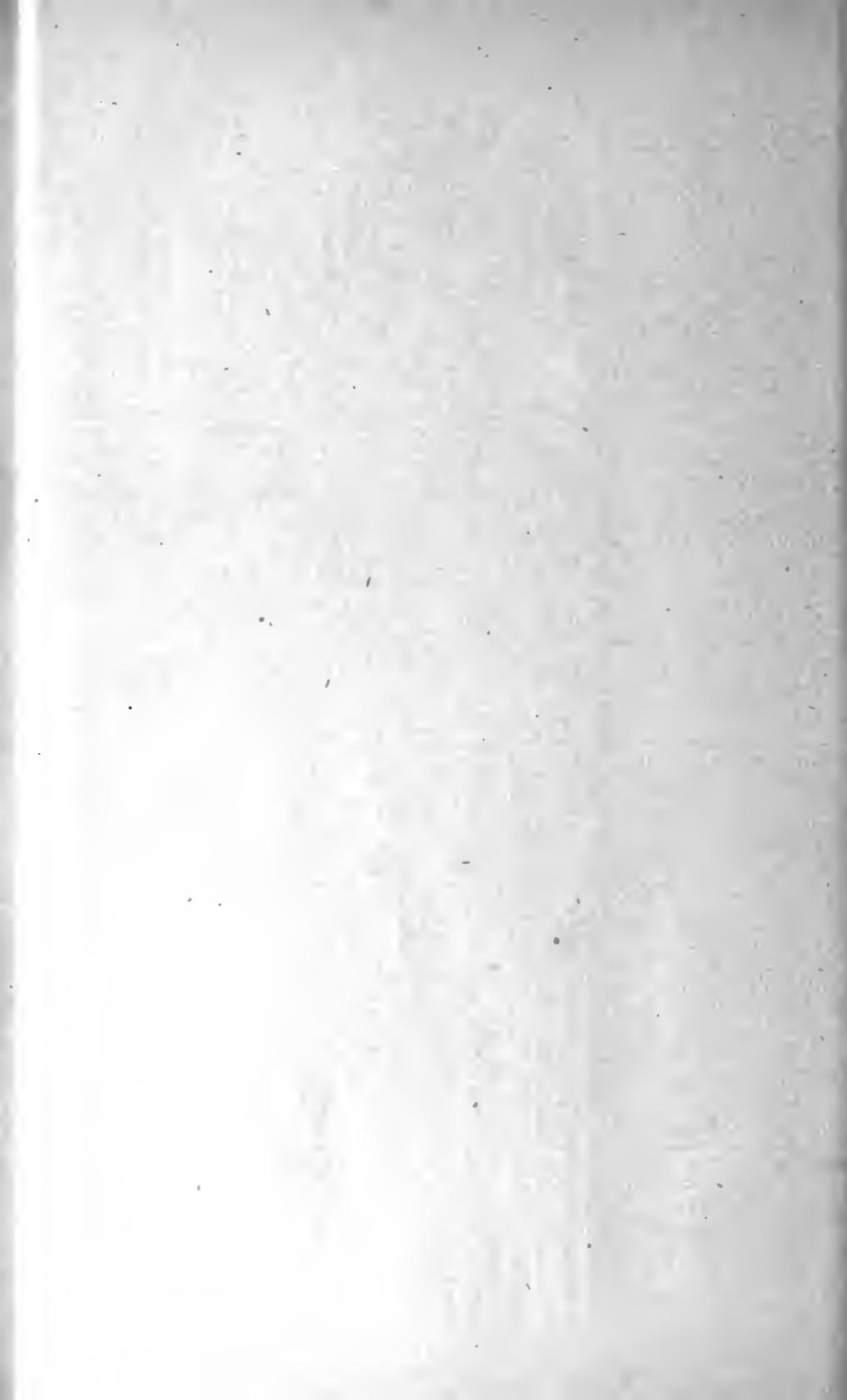
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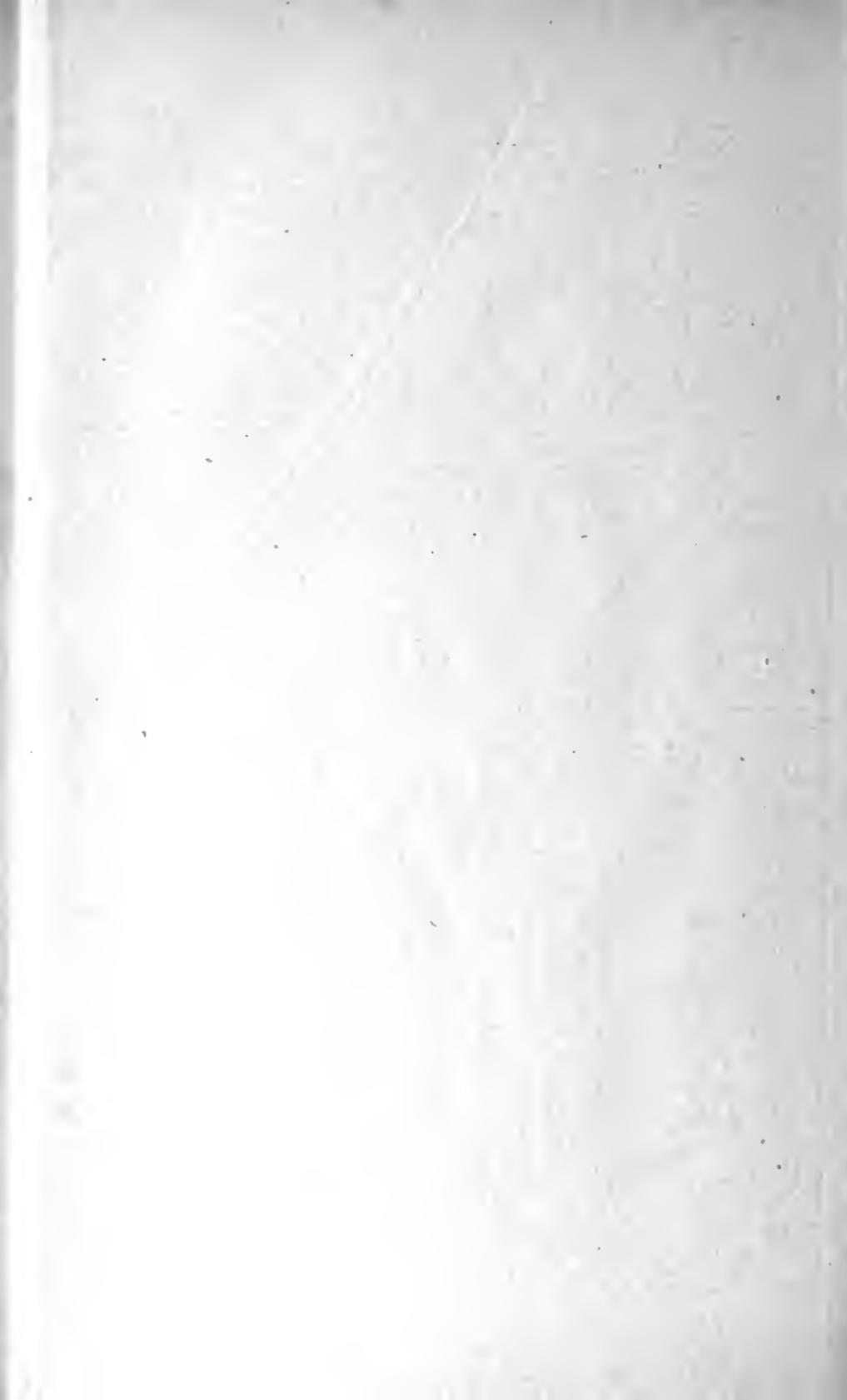
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**Report of Conference Treasurer.**

Received from Special Easter offerings this year £ 2-19-9. From Special offerings from last year £ 9-8-9 making a total of £ 12-8-6. From the Methodist Book Concern last year £ 8-6-8. From the Methodist Book Concern this year £ 7-5-10 making a total of £ 15-12-6. Total Conference funds on deposit with Mission Treasure £ 28-1-0.

M. J. Murphree.

**Secretary's Certificate**

I hereby certify that this volume contains a complete and correct record of the proceedings of the Tenth Session of the Rhodesia Mission Conference and that it was adopted by the Conference as its official record.

A large, handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. F. Wagner".

Secretary.



## REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

## Report of Georgia H. Beven

Bishop Johnson, fellow missionaries and pastor-teachers:

At Old Umtali after the last conference I entered into new work. An avalanche of wee orphan babies had descended upon us and to help Miss Hess I took them over as my chief responsibility. Fortunately a vacation gave me time in which to get acquainted with this new task so that with the opening of school I went on with the afternoon pickanin practice school, the sick folks and various other duties. I found my time well taken up, but never have I been more happy and contented than in those following months. The coming of Mis: Penney, our new nurse, was surely a blessing to me. She relieved me of the care of the sick girls in April and of the babies in May. It is wonderful to see the love and interest our girls have in these little motherless ones. It has opened new ideas of service and helpfulness to them.

While unable to put the time I desired to upon the pickanin school because of other duties, I have striven to carry on the same plan as before. While the numbers are few yet the opportunity is a big one in which to help the teachers under conditions somewhat similar to those in the villages. I have continually sought to work out helps which would aid the teacher in his work when he goes out to teach as well as to arouse his own ideas on the subject.

As in the past I have found joy and blessing in the weekly class meetings. I have had two different groups both made up of girls who have recently become church members. I also had charge of the services on Sunday morning for the children for a couple of months or more. This arrangement was necessary because of the crowded condition of the church.

I feel that my report would be most incomplete if I did not speak of the "trek" Miss Moore and I took out on Marange Circuit and to Mutambara this last July. We visited eight stations and in them all held a service of some kind. It did us much good to be out with the people.

As I come to this conference it is with mixed feelings of sadness and gladness; a short time and my first term on the Field is over. I do pray that my life has been a blessing to some one, though I have fallen so short in being the kind of missionary I want to be. However I thank God from the depths of my heart that I have learned His way is best.

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Report of Miss Ellen Bjorklund

Bishop Johnson, Fellow-workers and Native Pastor-teachers:

By the great mercy of God I am able to attend another conference. It is in direct answer to prayer. I was kept in perfect peace during my severe illness at Christmas time and I am very grateful to still be in the work.

*Old Umtali Hospital*

Here we have on record 11,614 treatments of various illnesses. Five deaths have occurred, one of them of pernicious malaria and one of ptomaine-poisoning.

We meet with all classes of people; many raw heathen, who have never had any knowledge of God and of the life hereafter, have gone back

to their homes well in body and with the joy of Salvation in their hearts. David Sakutomba, one of our pastor-teachers who is our medical assistant and who has showed great talent in the care of the sick has been walking from "kraal to kraal" with a first-aide box doing first aid work and preaching the Gospel. This work has been much appreciated by our native friends and many in this way have been brought under the influence of the Word of God.

We can also report four one-room additional buildings to our hospital work. These are filling a great need and are used largely for isolation cases. We are very thankful to report that we now have ten good rooms for our medical work.

#### *Maternity Ward*

Here a very interesting as well as greatly needed work is being done. During conference year we have had 42 confinements. During my absence Beatrice a girl that has been with us in the Work for the last eight years was in charge. One of the confinements was a very difficult case, the wife of a pastor-teacher, but her life was spared and she is in our Work today. At present we have no place in which to house women who come to wait for confinement except in the kitchen, but we hope that when our new ward, a demanding need, shall be finished, we shall be able to care for the outside mothers in the old ward. We have during the year taken in six new girls for training as maternity nurses, making ten girls in all now. This is all we can house at the present time.

Our ward has been visited by several government officials, among them Doctor Fleming of Salisbury and Doctor Jackson of Umtali. Dr. Fleming examined the girls and was much pleased with them. He was also pleased with the work done in the hospital. Recently he sent the matron of the Salisbury Hospital to investigate. She too was much pleased with the girls and the work done and expressed her hope that girls of that type should have government recognition.

The medical work at Old Umtali has also been strengthened by the coming of our Swedish Sister Ruth who comes full of love for suffering humanity. She is well fit for her work and has already shown her skill in several cases.

And so the good work goes on in the strength of God ministering to their Souls as well as to their bodies; for, our first aim is to bring souls into the Kingdom of God. We are very thankful to have a part in our Father's great harvest field.

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#### **Report of W. Bourgaize**

##### **Bishop Johnson and Fellow--Workers:**

I have sat by the evening camp-fire and watched the black heads bowed, some for the first time, in an expression of thanks to Mwari for His loving care of them. I have seen some of the old folks bringing forward their objects and tokens of worship as very tangible evidence of their breaking away from the old heathen way and signifying their faith and trust in our loving Saviour. I have often silently thanked Him for the privilege of serving Him here in Rhodesia.

##### *I Mtoko Center*

Being away so much I find it difficult to give the center the attention it warrants. Nevertheless, Mr. Condy, the Government School Inspector, thought enough of the work to advance this school from the third to the

second class. He was well pleased with the type of Dutch thatching, which is one of the useful things that the boys are being taught. The tree planting he commended and this is being continued, a fresh grove of young trees being set out every year.

All of the out-buildings are gradually being put in good repair, so that now, all but two are in good shape to go many years without having anything further done to them.

The school attendance this year has markedly increased; while the attendance at the Sunday afternoon service is now averaging well over one hundred.

### 2. *The Out Stations*

Fourteen new stations have been added to those of last year, making now a total of thirty in this circuit. Today, eight huge kraals are waiting for teachers, the funds with which to support them have been provided but the tragedy is that there are no men available to fill this need.

You may wonder from what source the funds have been obtained for the establishment of these new out-stations. It was Brother O'Farrell, who, while in the States, drew the attention and the interest of the Native Preacher Co. of New York to the great need and opportunity in the Mtoko district! This interest has been held and cultivated through correspondence with the results that 666 dollars have been received this year from this source alone, for the sole purpose of establishing new out-stations in this circuit. Several of the donors have already given their fifty dollars for the support of their stations for the second year. Moreover, the support for forty stations can be secured from this source alone, over and above the appropriation, if this source of income is not neglected.

Three new church buildings of Kimberly brick have been erected, making a total of seven constructed of this permanent material.

The total offering for the year is one hundred and fifteen pounds, sixteen shillings and three-pence, more than double that of last year.

The total number received into the church as full members for the year is 181. Those admitted on probation number 387.

With but one exception, that one having to be dismissed for mis-conduct, every teacher has done and continues to do splendid work. Much of the expansion of His kingdom in this district is due to the efforts and the evangelistic spirit of the teachers. I thank God for each and every one of them.

### 3. *Two Paramount Needs*

1. Out of a total of twenty-two teachers, only seven have passed standard two. Two of these I secured from the Government school at Dambashawa and two should be returned as soon as possible to school for fresh inspiration. One great need is for teachers well trained in efficient, practical teaching methods.

2. The second pressing need is for a strong, spiritually and educationally well trained native teacher, to assist the missionary in his task of supervising. Such a man would be invaluable, he can travel light, inexpensively, unaffected by changes of temperature and weather, he could do much ferreting out of cases of delinquency as well as being of great value in the evangelistic work.

I thank Him for the past with its blessings. Yes, and for its disappointments which in some instances I know only too well were His appointments. I thank Him for the present with its demands and its opportunities; and for the unknown future, I rest content to leave that in the Master's hands,

**Report of Grace Clark****Bishop Johnson and Fellow--Workers;**

The first eight months of the conference year were spent at Mutambara. When Miss Tubbs returned from furlough I was returned to the Mrewa District.

In going to Mutambara after three short visits in earlier years, it was splendid to see the missionaries' home, the other buildings, the big work carried on, and have the privilege of sharing in it. It was an inspiration to know the Christians in the southern part of our work and see what stalwart specimens some of them are, to work with the girls in boarding school, also with the boys, and the people living near by. I greatly enjoyed the class meeting with the older men and women who are not yet Christian, but regret that I did not take time to visit them in their homes.

In April I returned to Nyadiri to attempt a work which has been especially on my heart since I was a new missionary: that of visiting the out-stations. Since then I have spent nearly half of my time in the villages, visiting about fifty stations, spending one or more nights in half of them. A Ford and a donkey have been my conveyers.

It is a great joy to visit the pastor-teachers and their families and the warm reception and thoughtful treatment have made me feel that they appreciate what help I was able to be to them. We talked over our privileges and trials, prayed together, and visited the people in their homes, holding many little impromptu services where groups gathered. At one station I went into a number of homes at the chief's kraal. The next day the Christian Headman who is a steward in the church came to say the older women and all had been cleaning up and wanted me to come into all of the houses that evening.

The Sundays were always happy days. Often several stations came together; in the Mtoko Circuit there were over 600 people at one meeting. After the morning service I always helped the Sunday School teachers with the lesson. I was pleased to find the Sunday Schools well organized though I suggested more teachers when it was possible to find them.

Visiting the schools took up a good deal of time and thought. Many of the teachers do very well indeed, in fact most of them, but it is a sorrow to find so little equipment. At one station I found nearly every one who could read the Testament at all owned one. All church members at least should have Testaments and be able to read them if it is at all possible for them to learn to read.

We had two institutes for teachers' wives. Thirty came to Nyadiri in May for a three days' meeting, which they seemed to find profitable. Mr. Wagner gave them a lecture and demonstration in gardening. Dr. Montgomery gave helps in home remedies helping all who came to him for themselves or their children. Mr. O'Farrell had an hour with them and the other W. F. M. S. missionaries helped. At the prayer meeting it was inspiring to have each woman tell of God's keeping power and her joy in service, especially those who have come a long way from their people. Miss Quinton went with me in October to have meeting with the women of the Headland's Circuit, which was also profitable, we think.

This new venture seems to me worth while and I am more than ever convinced that all of us should spend some time each year with the people where they live. While I see that all phases of our task are important, personally there is no form of service which appeals to me quite as much as his does.

### Report of Isaiah S. Darikwa

Since last conference my God has been so kind to me and had helped me much to do his work as I do believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour who died for me. He had said without me you cannot do anything and so I must absolutely surrender my life and my heart in His holy Hand.

My chief work is to visit the circuit and to preach the Gospel and encourage all believers to bring them close to our great God by praying together with them. So that Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father and our Jesus Christ may strengthen them and lead them in the better new life. I do believe that God is working with me among my own people. They give their testimony that they are now new creatures and that they desiring to follow God's way.

At Nyakatsapa Center after the school I'll have to visit the sick people and pray with them that Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, he is our Great Physician. Every Tuesday morning I am leading the class meeting of the old men and women who live in the Mission Farm. I teaching them Chimanyika eatechism, some of them can able to answer the question very well which makes me very glad.

On Thursday I am having the Stewards and class leaders meeting. Before they dismiss I had to conduct the stewards on their course of study "Line upon Line" and Brother Patrick Machiri conduct the class leader in their course of study "Peep of Day". Stewards and class leaders are now showing better results.

During the year we had monthly revival meetings in each station and many souls came to the Lord. Every Pastor-Teacher is endeavoring to push on the great work of our Lord Jesus Christ who had commanded his disciples "Go ye to teach all nations to observe all things whatever I have commanded you".

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### Report of Clifford Faku

#### Bishop, Missionaries and Fellow Workers.

Last annual conference I was appointed to Penhalonga to take charge of the work there. I enjoyed my work by preaching every Sunday, holding class meetings and Sunday school, and more especially by attending the Quarterly meetings which had given me a close touch in work with my fellow workers and to understand people better of the Umtali circuit and to know their needs. I felt it my responsibility and duty to over burden my mind and power to bring my own black race of Africa to the better life and best knowledge of our great God.

After five months labour at Penhalonga I was needed at Old Umtali take to my usual occupation as a teacher. So I consented to turn back to my old home again to train boys and girls who will not only do their share of work in the world after their schooling but will help to make it a better place for others.

After a month or two being in Old Umtali I began to realize that attending the Bible class department including Theology, Homiletics and the New Testament History under the instruction of our District Superintendent Rev. J. R. Gates, was a secret plan of the great call of God for my preparation for better service of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the afternoon I am assisting by interpreting in the teaching of the life of Christ which is systematically taught in standard 3 from His cradle to His ascensions. I am enjoying these

classes and highly appreciating them. It is true we cannot perform our duties to any satisfaction with an insufficient qualification.

I pray to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory that He may give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him and that the eyes of my understanding may be enlightened that I may know what is the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and towards us who believe.

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### Report of R, C. Gates

The present enrollment of Hartzell Institute is:

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| Main School  | 300        | pupils |
| Night "      | 45         | "      |
| Women "      | 32         | "      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>377</b> |        |

Of this number 216 are Parent Board and 161 are W. F. M. S. pupils. This year there has been a standard 7 class, and next year there will probably be a Standard 8 class. Although the highest classes are small, they are a beginning. The higher standards are rapidly being filled by little children, the second generation of Christians. A word of warning and advice might be given to the native Pastor-Teachers who are assembled here today. If you want more education, get it now. By and by you will find yourselves so far behind the little children that you will be ashamed to come to school again. The work of the school staff of native teachers and missionaries has been characterized by thoroughness and faithful devotion to duties. Needless to say we are all keenly anticipating the new school building and hoping that it will be a reality a year hence.

The Commission on Native Education reported that "the most urgent need for Native education is competent Native teachers, particularly at third class schools." The cry on every hand, from native kraals and from missionaries is, "Give us more teachers." Old Umtali is trying to meet this most urgent demand. It must be appreciated that the training of a Pastor-Teacher is a matter of many years work and represents a tremendous amount of time, patience, and vital energy on the part of those who train him. Besides, you cannot take out of a mill more meal than you put into it. The male student body at Old Umtali, including children and tuition boys is about 180 pupils. Of this number only eight are regular Pastor-Teachers and only 8 more have been supply teachers. The output of trained Pastor-Teachers must come from these few who are in school for further training plus those who volunteer for the first time. Furthermore, at the present time some who would be otherwise available for appointment are remaining in school to continue their studies in the higher standards. we should have more pupils. With slight additions to the staff Old Umtali could handle double the number of pupils now in school. Filling the demand for more teachers and preachers is no slight nor easily solved problem. Its solution however, is the concern not for Hartzell Institute only, but for the whole mission.

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

*Pastoral Work, Old Umtali.*

It has been a glorious privilege to preach the Gospel. Last April we had a helpful revival. The native Local Preachers have preached on regular schedule throughout the kraals and mines surrounding Old Umtali. The three Sunday-Schools have been under the care of Mr. Mauger, Mrs. Mauger and Mrs. Gates. The Class Meetings have been led by the stewards and missionaries. The Wabvui is a strong spiritual factor. Recently, under the leadership of Miss Moore, a Young People's Meeting has been organized and is meeting on Sunday evenings. It gives promise of becoming a strong spiritual force and a means of developing the boys and girls in self-expression on religious topics. The willing help and ready co-operation of the missionaries has been a profitable and encouraging feature of the year's pastoral work.

The new Assembly Hall was opened on September 10th. Due to the smallness of the church building there had previously been two simultaneous church services, one of them, under Miss Bevan, being conducted for the children. Now for the first time in years the new Assembly Hall provides the mission with a building large enough to hold all the people for church and school purposes. The building is being used for day school, literary society recreational purposes, and for the Sunday services.

*Old Umtali Circuit.*

The Pastor-Teachers on the Old Umtali Circuit have rendered faithful service during the conference year. Manyarara and Marara have built new Kimberly brick churches. A Pastor-Teacher has been stationed at Mandiambira in place of the student supply from Old Umtali and the results have justified the change. Since the Chikanga church was compelled to move across the Odzi to Chiremba there is still a considerable body of Christian natives remaining at Chikanga without a Pastor-Teacher. This lack is being partly filled by a Local Preacher from Old Umtali and by a steward. The new school at Barry's Farm has been maintained throughout the year. Preaching and teaching at the Premier Estate native location has been steadily and faithfully carried out by a supply teacher from Old Umtali.

*Miscellaneous.*

In looking into the future, I believe the native church should make more progress toward self-support. The native church cannot attain its full strength, express its own independent judgment, nor be entirely self-respecting so long as it continues to be dependent upon the mission after the time for its own independence and self-support has arrived.

The native church needs the spiritual stimulus of a "foreign" missionary program, doing and sacrificing for others. To the East and North there are vast unoccupied fields. The native people should get a vision of the fields white unto the harvest, give a thought to Africa, and send out their own native missionaries in obedience to Jesus' last command.

We need wholesome, virile straightforward Christianity. We need to express our conviction on outstanding social legislation, particularly where justice and fair play to the native race are involved.

In conclusion, I thank God for joy and happiness in the work. Preaching and teaching are a delightful combination. No one is more conscious of my failures and shortcomings than I. I am aware of sins of omission and commission. I thank God for His infinite love and mercy, and for the high privilege of having part in a work which aims to fill the earth "with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

## Report of E. H. Greeley

"The pen is mightier than the sword" How mighty then is the Printing Press which multiplies the pen a million times. No tung can tell and only God can tell what has been done by it, or what shall be done by it in the future.

It is a great honor to be called to do any work for God. How great then the honor to be called by the church to do a work which has such great possibilities as the Rhodesia Mission Press. The surprise is, - Why should I be called to do a work in a mediocre way when the call today is for perfection in every line of work.

The Printing Office is a new world to me. The Lord has opened my eyes during these months I have been in charge of our Mission Press to see its wonderful possibilities. I pray that I may never be so blind to any other part of our work as I have been to it.

Little did I think when I went on my last furlo in 1921 that I should ever again be in charge of a printing office, but time and Bishops and District Superintendents and necessities do surprising things so when Bro. Gardner had to go home in 1925 I took his place reluctantly but reconciled when assured me of his desire to return in nine months if possible. Eighteen months have gone and he is not here. Day by day I have done the next thing trusting that it was the best thing. I have asked for wisdom that I might not make any egregious mistakes and that I might add a little to the firm foundation of our great work in the Printing department of Hartzell Institute, which is for the Glory of God and the spread of his kingdom in South Africa.

I have kept in mind constantly the small beginning of the Methodist Book concern and its present position as the largest religious publication house in the world, and I have read of the trials and fears of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate in its early years and its present prestige as our only self supporting Advocate.

The marvelous work of the many small but well equipped printing plants of the Seventh Day Adventists is well worthy of our careful examination and imitation as it shows their idea of the importance of this kind of work in the activities of the Church.

I have practiced thrift and economy in every way that I could see possible, - refusing to order goods except when I could send the cash with the order. This has prevented me from ordering goods sometimes when I knew they would surely be wanted in the near future. No debts have been incurred since Bro. Gardner went away, and debts incurred by him amounting to over one hundred pounds have been paid so that at present the outlook is encouraging.

My joy has been more than any of you know because of the loyalty of you all to this department of our Rhodesia Mission Work.

I have had to refuse some work which would have brot a much needed profit to the Press, because of my ignorance in the work and lack of experience necessary to do creditable work. I hope that the Lord will put into the heart of some of his stewards in the home land to provide for the speedy return of Missionary Gardner to the great work awaiting his abilities.

Four to six Natives are hired all the time. Two have had experience now for more than six years. A few school boys work half a day in the printing office for their schooling and thus learn the rudiments of the trade. Several have gone out from us to other printing plants and are giving good satisfaction, and there is call for more to go. The payroll is from ten to twelve pounds per month which is all earned by the Press. A few special gifts have enabled me to put glass in several of the windows, adding

light without wind, and to paint the outside woodwork and a sign over the front door. We are still in need of more small gifts. One great need is gutters for the eaves to save the walls and foundation in our rainy season.

The general stock of school supplies for our entire mission has been increased as rapidly as possible, considering monthly payments on debt, which I felt must first be paid.

The following is a list of the chief publications of the last eighteen months,- Berean Chidzidzo Tsamba a 16 page quarterly Sunday School Help in the vernacular. - The Umbwo hwe Ukristu a 16 page quarterly Native Paper - Two Editions of the First Primer, - One Edition of the Second Primer, - One Edition of the Natural English Primer, - Two Editions of Zwiyimbo Zwishoma. The Young Disciple at the Lord's Table, - Sondo Musi wa Tenzi Wedu, - Christmas Greetings for two years Circular Letters for the Missionaries, - Letter Heads for all the Missionaries. Programs for Conference and Institutes, - Church Records, - Membership Transfer Blanks, - Local Preachers License Blanks, - Exhorters License Blanks, - Daily Bible Readings for the year, - Membership Tickets, - Wabvuwu Tickets, - Night School Tickets, - Wesleyan Quarterly Tickets and Charts, - Hand Bills, - Treasurer's Blanks, - Quarterly Conference Blanks, - Receipt Books, - Credit Books, - Invoice Books, Statement Books, - Native Pass Books, - Expense Books.

The sale of books for all our native schools have increased during the year and two new depositories have been established, - One at Headlands and one at Nyakatsapa. We now have six, to supply which we should have a much larger stock at the Mission Press.

Finally, Brethren, the Rhodesia Mission Press is growing in usefulness and stock and equipment and becoming a greater help in our work for the Master and is now taking its place among the other departments of Hartzell Institute. For years we could only say as our Bishop Hartzell used so forcibly to say in the early years of our work, "We have the beginnings brethren of an Agricultural Department and a Medical Department and an Industrial Department a Bible Department, a Printing Press, a Girls' School, Normal Department." Now all these different departments are alive and working and turning out farmers, nurses, Christian wives, carpenters, masons, printers, teachers and pastors. Oh for twenty five years more in the flesh to see all these departments increased several fold in efficiency and still more departments added until Old Umtali shall be known far and wide like Tuskegee and Hampton and its influence be seen and known to be for God and the good of South Africa and the uplift of humanity.

### Hymn Book

May I add a few more words? Brethren and Sisters, - Do not think I have forgotten about the Hymn Book. I have not. It has the first place in my heart and shall have till it is published and in use. Perhaps the Lord will then let me depart in peace. The Hymn Book is still our greatest present need. I pray daily about it and have even asked myself how good a book could I get out if Bro. Gardner's stay should be still further prolonged.

It is said that hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but these last nine months of constant hope for his early return, and the accompanying disappointment have seemed to spur me on to greater faith and determination, and I find myself thinking that we cannot avoid a great disaster to our work if we do not give our people some sort of a hymn book very soon. It may surprise some of you to hear me say, I think I am reconciled to getting out a book in inferior style rather than to have no book. May God guide us all in this great undertaking.

### Translations

Some work has been done on translating Genesis in connection with the S. S. Lessons, which were in that book but the entire book is not finished owing to much time being required in proof reading and preparing material for the Umbowo. I commend to you the little tract "Sondo Musi wa Tenzi Wedu" for use wherever Seventh Day Adventism makes troubles among our people. It is full of help compiled from many sources. A few new hymns have been written for the new hymn book. The work of preparing the Sunday School Lessons in the vernacular for the year now closing has been well done by Miss Beulah Reitz. Two new features have been introduced which I am glad to report have met with favor. An Opening Service and a new hymn for each of the forty lessons of the year has been added. The call for more helps and that a larger number of lessons be printed, I hope may be granted.

### Horticulture

This part of my work has not been neglected. Bro. Roberts and I have worked together in this, he doing what I was unable to do. A small forest of Eucalyptus has really been begun after our years of talk, and we hope that it may be added to yearly.

The strain of Pawpaw from Hawai all of which bear fruit have passed one season and I now have hundreds of young trees for all who desire them. A fruit tree Casimiroa from India and brought here by me from Florida is rivaling the Eucalyptus in vigor. All of the grafted Mangoes from Florida are now dead.

I have continually for the last 25 years been raising ornamental shrubs and trees and planting them in our already beautiful campus in the hope that it may become still more beautiful in the years to come. I feel that the time is fully come when there should be much of the time of one missionary or other competent white man and all the time of several native men given continuously thruout the year to the care of the campus, roads, paths, plants, flowers, grass etc and I hope provision will be made for this in our budget for next year. The present condition of the campus from month to month is not commensurate with the prominence which our Central Institution has in this part of the country.

Another Conference year has gone and my joy is unbounded that it has all been for God and Humanity

Thus far the Lord hath led me on,  
Thus far his power prolongs my days,  
And every evening shall make known,  
Some fresh memorial of his grace.



## Report of Stella Hess.

## Bishop Johnson and Fellow Workers:

In our work with the girls at Fairfied, we can truly say that our part in helping to direct them to Jesus, has been indeed a glad service and we come before his presence with a song of praise to Him for the victory and the help He has given.

We are working with a very backward people whose women are its chattel and consequently, are slower in thought and more difficult to lead than the men. But all thru the years that girls have come to Fairfield, first for protection and then for protection and training, we have always found them eager to learn about God. And while they may not have acquired much book knowledge or skill in their work, they are bearing fruit for their Master in many far away villages. Their children now come to school; they learn quickly; they are more obedient and dependable.

Only a decade ago, we could count easily on our two hands those who came from homes where there was any christian influence, but today almost half of these enrolled enjoy the privilege of having a christian home, while the others with very few exception have had the help of the church.

The number of girls in school is growing steadily, there are 150 enrolled. Each year as a new girls come to us, there is an increasing number who enter the standard school work who are very young and will be able to complete their school work before they take up any definite service. We are happy to report that seven of our girls all above standard four are asking to go out as Bible women this coming year.

The girls are talking much about what they wish to do when they leave school. It was only a few years ago, that the next step after school was marriage. Now they speak of training to be teachers and nurses or to take up some position that will bring them an independent income. Several of the girls went into Umtali during the holiday to hire out as nurse maids. They can earn a pound or more a month for that kind of work and the demand for them in this service is growing. So it would seem that the time has come when we must better prepare to meet their needs and offer them an opportunity to train for special work and compensate them sufficiently to induce them to remain in the work.

There was a very small increase in our baby fold this year. Three with fever died. This department of our work requires a great deal of time and supervision. In nearly every scholarship letter that was written, the girls mentioned our babies and told how happy they were to look after them. Our hope to have a trained nurse for this department was realized when Miss Penny was appointed to Old Umtali.

We have made numerous repairs in the buildings and built three others. The girls use their new building as a dining room, a study hall and a general assembly room. Another building was erected for our smaller babies and in it is a kitchen that is to be used by the Domestic Science department. All the special foods for the babies and the sick are prepared there. The third building was a kitchen to the Missionaries' residence.

The farm and gardens were a great success this year. The crops despite the season, were good and 15,000 or more gum trees were planted and are growing nicely. The girls enjoy their gardens and have been able to raise practically all of their own mulliwo. Timothy Chicza has charge of this work and does splendidly with it.

I have enjoyed my work immensely and especially the class room work. It seems like old times to be back in the school room again. It has seemed wonderful to me the way our native helpers are taking hold of the work and the interest they show in carrying the responsibility of it. I am pleased to see this for that is our aim-to make leaders.

We have had a happy year at Fairfield Girls' School. God has meant much to all of us and we are confident that He is with us. My prayer is that I may realize better my opportunities and meet them in his strength.

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### Report of Benjamin Katsidzira

My heart is full of gratitude and praise to God for all the blessings which He have done for the benefit of my life. Because I cannot accomplish any good thing alone without guidance and power of God to me.

Since last conference God still strengthen me and I always asking God to give me more power to walk close to him myself, that I may be a good example among my people.

There was something disturbed me in my work at Nyamukwarara station. My people were scattered away and the station was looked as it was going to be left alone, 17 people gone to Old Umtali for school, and 12 removed up to Nhunhamha where they can find good land for them to plough. These people going there are some strong members of the station. But something tells me that God is still having his work in this place. Something like a vision of Old Paul to Corinthians, when God said to him, Fear not Paul, but preach. I have much people in this city, to me was seems same thing. Now I am glad to say 78 names are in the school register this year. Children are coming into the school and Sunday school every month from heathen kraals where I never expect them to leave their heathenism ways. The stewards and class leaders are doing their work very nicely.

Last district of conference I reported that we were building the new church. Today we are waiting for our missionary in charge to come to dedicate the church to God. There are four stations of ours close by Nyamukwarara where I asked to visit and help our young teachers to see how they getting along with work. I believe those teachers are trying their best, their work is improving all the time. I thank God that He has given me the privilege of being one of his workers. My prayer for the time coming is that may God give me power to trust in him and to do his work earnestly more than what I have done before.

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### Report of Sarah N. King

Bishop Johnson and Fellow workers:

After last conference it took only a short time to convince me and the other workers at Mitanuwa that it was time for me to take my mid term vacation. Accordingly, at the end of September I left for the Cape where I spent four months resting and playing and trying to store up health enough for the second half of my term.

On my return to Mutambara I took over the farm work and a little teaching. When Miss Tubbs came back to us and Miss Clark returned to Nyadiri the general work was given to me. Since then I have been very busy and very happy to be able to take care of this work so that Miss Tubbs could be free to do the visitation and evangelism that we all agree is so much needed.

The visible results of the labors which I have supervised are as follows: a five roomed brick store house, an annex to our dwelling of two bedrooms, four mud and pole houses for the boys who work for us, a small ufu store, a language study hut, a three roomed house and kitchen for another boss boy and his wife, a pasture almost fenced, something over a thousand eucalyptus trees planted and some small pieces of land cleared.

Our good crops of last season are no longer visible as almost all of the produce has been used for food for our 106 boarding girls and the boys who have been hired for labor. We are now bringing in mealies from Mrewa as we are unable to buy a sufficient quantity here to meet our needs.

Our schedule of school work has been slightly altered so that the girls who attend in the afternoon have their sewing and garden classes after school instead of leaving work for them in the morning as they formerly did. This not only gives them longer hours of work so that more can be accomplished but also makes it possible for their sewing and garden work to be better supervised.

The girls have had their gardens enlarged and it is hoped that they can be taught more about gardening and at the same time raise a more adequate supply of vegetables for themselves.

In spite of discouragements that come now and again we feel that our girls are growing in grace and are understanding better the meaning of true Christian living. Thirteen have been received into full church membership since June 1925 and some have come in as probationers. Several have made public confessions and some show by their lives that they have had a change of heart.

I am thankful for the good year that has past and hope that the coming one will be even better.

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### Report of C. D. Mandisodza

Bishop, Missionaries and fellow workers.

It a great pleasure in my heart to be in God's vineyard. I am thankful to God for His great love toward the lost people in this dark continent of Africa. The only way to save them is to go to them and bring them to the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. The light of Jesus has been shining in the hearts many people. They are really saved by Him who has called us to help Him in His vineyard.

I think that it is now the time for our people to know that it is time to save the life of the twins. They used to put them in a large pot, then put some hot ashes on them and let them die in that way. In the place where I am living I have helped the twins to live. In one of the stations Brother John Cheke and his wife have saved the twins also.

The work has given me a chance to be close to my God. Though many troubles have been in my way, I thank God that He has been my great help.

This year I was not well for some months. Yet I went on laboring for my Lord and Master who has called me to work in His vineyard. Sometimes I'll be discouraged, but when I think of the servants of the Master, how they suffered for their Master, then I get courage again.

There are eleven stations in Headland Circuit. The full members two hundred, and probationer are two hundred thirty seven.

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### Report of Thomas Marange

I worked for two years for my Master in the Mutambara Circuit. Another call came and said that I should come to do his work in Umtali. I said to my heart, I am a soldier of the Cross, I must be ready to go and fight for my master and wherever He leads me I follow.

God's work is growing in Umtali and many people are coming to learn the word of the living God. Many hearts have been born again. Sinners have repented and accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The backsliders have returned to Christ for help. The sick have been visited. Kenneth Marange helps me in Umtali thing.

Something came to my heart telling me that to preach in church is not enough, as there are many, many people who do not come to church and who do not know Jesus Christ who died for them. Then I called a meeting with the stewards and class leaders and prayed about it, that God may open the way.

#### *Out Stations.*

We had some revival meetings in each out-station and the Lord blessed our meetings in wonderful way and many repented. There were many witnesses for God, but some they were serving the devil. One man said he was ready to finish himself, but he said "I am glad tonight to say this, that Jesus saved me through his precious blood." Some of the stewards and class-leaders are faithful in work. The pastor-teachers are standing by their work.

Muradzikwa, Chitakatira and Murare are building new churches. Two places need teachers in Umtali circuit and these people are coming to our pastor-teachers every week and every month asking for a teacher and every quarterly meeting they are crying for the same work.

We are all praying that many teachers may be sent. It will make us very sad if we cannot carry on the good work.

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### Report of Titus Marange

#### Bishop, Missionaries and Brethren Workers,

The Lord maketh the Lame to walk, the dumb to speak, the deaf to hear and the blind to see.

How lame was our Africa to walk in the ways of the Lord. How dumb was our Africa to hear about the mighty works of God. How deaf and how blind she was to hear the wonderful news of the Gospel Salvation and to see the wonderful things concerning the Kingdom of God.

The chief work in connection with the Wesleyans in Salisbury is to take care of our church members who go there for work from different circuits of our church. I declare that the plan of having the pastor-teacher in Salisbury to take care of our church members was not made by the wisdom of men but thru the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit. For in past years, before this plan was made many of our church members fell into pitfalls of town's temptation and wandered away from God. Children were not sent to school. Women were not going to any church meeting but going about in town.

But today I am glad to say all our church members, men and women from different circuits of our church know that there is their own home church, their own pastor-teacher, to lead them. And they are all coming with the cheerfull hearts to the church services. Children are always sent to school. Those who were fallen away from the Grace have come back to their Saviour.

During the Conference year the work in Salisbury has been my joy, to see the Lord blessing his work, to see my class meetings increasing, and to see the full members, probationers and beginners coming to their class-meetings and Sunday services with Christ-like spirit. My most joy of all is to know that I am one of God's servants and to feel the Presence of my Lord Jesus Christ, and His blessings in all I try to do in His name. My prayer always is, Oh Lord, make me worthy to do thy will faithfully unto the end.

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### Report of F. G. Mauger

The proper place of industrial training in a school like Hartzell Institute is a question worthy of careful consideration. Should the boys be taught trades? The purpose of the school is to train native leaders who will inspire and help their people to higher standards of living. Our people are still in the first stages of development. If a boy be taught blacksmithing, bricklaying, carpentry, furniture-making, shoe-making or tailoring as a trade he cannot earn a living among his own people, but must work almost entirely for white men, usually in their employ. This is to defeat our purpose. Every native who completes our course of study should get some training in each of these subjects, so that the farmer will know how to repair his implements, the preacher be able to build a good church, the teacher know enough to make some of the necessary school furnishings, and all have interest and incentive enough to improve their homes and be careful of their personal appearance.

This aim is still on the way to accomplishment. I have a native assistant to help with the woodwork teaching, and a native teacher in building, but the other industrial subjects are not yet permanently established. The teaching in building has been entirely practical. Classes have completed four small location houses, the foundations of the Assembly Hall and the new shop, re-roofed several buildings, and have now under construction two other buildings and a grass roof. In the woodwork shop, a great variety of things have been made, including a book rack, blackboards, blackboard pointers, door and window frames, tables, kiddie cars, candle sticks, coat hangers and coffins. Instruction has been given in technical drawing with results that are far from discouraging.

Very near to the hearts of Old Umtali missionaries has been the erection of the much-needed Assembly Hall. The native people have responded nobly to this work, especially with the labor contributed. The bricks were made and the foundations dug with donated labor from boys and girls.

In the Sunday School a few changes have been made in the interests of better grading and careful attendance records have been kept. Recently, special attention has been given to memory work, the results of which are, so far, quite pleasing.

My circuit duties are more like recreation than real work. Chiduku Circuit as a whole is in a healthful condition. Collections have increased and there are eight new stations in the making where the Word is being preached, and where school is being conducted. The largest of these is Katsidzura, where a former Old Umtali boy, a farmer, has taught school three days a week and preached on Sundays for more than a year without pay. In two places, men are putting in full time preaching and teaching without receiving any pay. The other places are being supplied as well as possible by the nearest pastor-teacher and his church workers. Mrs. Mauger and I spent a very delightful two weeks visiting all the stations. A white baby proved to be quite a novel attraction for the kraal children. Inspection of the schools opened our eyes to the great need for improved teaching. Much good might be done by just such inspections as we made, if there were time to do it. We know that the outstation work, especially of the schools in this section, is neglected. The pastor-teachers are doing their utmost, but the work cannot go forward as it should without more missionary supervision.

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### Report of Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery

#### Bishop Johnson and Fellow Missionaries:

It is indeed with great pleasure that I come to this my first conference. It is now fifteen months since we arrived at Nyadiri and it surely has been a busy, happy time. The medical work has increased rapidly and I think I may safely say that we have gained the confidence and friendship of many people.

The position of Government Medical Officer for Mrewa and Mtoko districts has been a considerable asset not alone for the financial aid it assures, but also for the opportunity it offers to reach people with whom we would not otherwise come in contact. We now have a Venereal Clinic under the government and one clinic for the treatment of leprosy with the possibility of a second for the treatment of the latter disease.

This year we have added thirteen new pise building to the hospital and three for the housing the helpers about the dispensary. Under Miss Parmenter our maternity work is growing rapidly and we look forward in the coming year to a much broader work for the medical department, especially since our new hospital building is in sight.

In closing, I should like to give you a few figures so that you may know something of the work this department is doing.

August 19, 1925--Nov. 1, 1926

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| No. of In Patients   | 213  | Average No. of days | 23 $\frac{3}{4}$                  |
| No. of Out Patients. | 2538 | No. of treatments   | 6346      Average 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

### Report of Agnes S. Moore

Bishop Johnson and Fellow-workers;

Four of the sixteen months since last conference were spent on my mid-term holiday at Cape Town. They were a happy four months, bringing rest and physical refreshment and the mental and spiritual renewal which come from new contacts and an opportunity to look at ones work from a new viewpoint.

Since my return the work in the sewing classes has given me the opportunity for some contact with each girl once or twice every week: and of helping them to learn better to use and conserve some of the material blessings which Christianity has brought them. In this work, I have had an able and faithful helper in Grace Mafokosho. In the laundry, Rhoda Gijita did equally splendid work until the time of marriage, when Elizabeth Rusero, the wife of our native helpers, stepped into her place.

Much as we all realize the value of manual training in the education of these people, I believe we feel that we are a bit closer to our real mission in this land when we stand before the girls in our class meeting groups and, in a definite way, point them to the Light of the World. So, I can say that I have found more real joy and satisfaction in my class meeting than in any other part of my work, with one exception. That is the little Sunday School for white children which it has been my privilege to teach.

A high spot in the year was the trip which Miss Beven and I took thru Marange Circuit. I know that I need more of these times of close contact with the people and their native leaders, that I may better understand their problems, and more intelligently support them with my prayers.

I thank God for help and the continued opportunity to share in His great work. I want to trust Him more and to let Him, as never before, have His own way in my life, that I may be filled with His Spirit, who has said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit."

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### Report of Isaiah Munjoma

Thanks and praise should be for him who has kept us all for another Conference.

My last appointment of last year was in Umtali but in the beginning of this year it was found that my place to labor was Penhalonga. The first task I noticed was this, the church need some repairing. But even then, a question was how to find money for all this. I called all the stewards of this church and laid the matter before them. After considering it for some time a concert was made and enough was found which was enable us to do all our work.

After this we began asking people to come to our church and many began to come. Special the children attending the day school. Every Sunday since then our attendance for church service began to increase, backsliders began to find their way back to God. Sunday school is in its better condition now since we had the Sunday school convention at Old Umtali. For little ones every Sunday I am interested to have some thing for them before I preach to all people. I am very thankful to our Lord, as He helps me to work with these compound people, who seem to think nothing but drinking and dancing. My prayer is may God make me worth for the work of spreading the good tidings on this earth.

Last year I was asked to go to Bulawayo and the other towns to visit our people who goes there to work. I am glad to say a number were glad to have the Umbowo and glad to have some one visit them. I reporting this to this conference so that these members of ours may not be forgotten, special in Bulawayo.

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### Report of R. M. Ngonyama.

#### *Industrial Work.*

My special part at the mission is chiefly with the industrial work. I have five woodwork classes, each coming to the shop once a week. It gives great pleasure to see how each boy tries to avail himself of the opportunity.

The aim of the department is to teach our boys the proper method of taking care of tools and of using them. To this we add the making of all simple and common things, which will be necessary for their homes.

I am glad to say the boys have been doing some good and practical work at the mission in building homes for themselves. They have also put up a cow-shed, and have made some furniture for school and mission purposes under my direction and supervision.

#### *Evangelistic.*

As for my evangelistic work, I have charge of the probationers' class and assist Miss Woodruff with the Wabvuwi (Fishers) class. I am also an assistant to Miss King in managing the Sunday School classes. The teaching of these classes is really an inspiration to my soul. The work of our Sunday School is greatly improving. The people have learned to love the Old Testament stories so much that ninety three of them have purchased the Sunday School papers. I believe that it will not take a long time before our Sunday School becomes self-supporting. The enrollment is 318 and the average attendance is 207. Beside this I often go to the outlying stations preaching the Gospel, and take my turn in conducting services at the central mission church.

#### *School Work.*

As a school teacher I think it great privilege to lead the little ones in the right path, as it is in the early training where we count much for the manhood and womanhood of tomorrow. Therefore when I am placed with boys and girls of different disposition in a class-room, my greatest aim is to secure the guidance of the great Teacher, who is the best example of good teaching.

“Lord, who am I to teach the way  
To little children day by day,  
So prone myself to go astray?

I teach them knowledge, but I know  
How faint they flicker and how low  
The candles of my knowledge glow.

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I teach them Power to will and do,  
But only now to learn anew  
My own great weakness through and through.

I teach them love for all mankind  
And all God's creature, but I find  
My love comes lagging far behind.

Lord, if their guide I still must be,  
Oh let the little children see  
The teacher leaning hard on Thee."

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### Report of Oril A. Penney

Bishop Johnson, Fellow-Missionaries and Native Pastor-Teachers:

On March 29 I arrived in Old Umtali after a little over eight weeks on the way. Miss Tubbs and I had a most interesting and profitable trip down the East Coast.

In April I was given charge of the sick girls and in May of the babies. We have had a variety of cases, all of which have given me a chance to teach the girls care of the sick and especially care of contagious cases. Isolation, as the Medical World knows it, has been rather difficult and very imperfect, due to the fact that we have no proper building for isolation; a thing very much needed here at Fairfield Girls' School. While our isolation has not been perfect I feel that we have saved many from these contagious diseases and that we have it under control in the school.

In having the baby fold at Fairfield Girls' School the W. F. M. S. has a great opportunity in teaching the girls simple lessons in child welfare. If the natives are to be helped to any great extent along these lines they must be helped by these girls who have had the opportunity of training in our mission schools.

I have a class meeting of eighteen girls, all full members, and have enjoyed my work with them; but due to my limited knowledge of the language I fear I have not been the help to them that I might have been had I known the language better. However I am making better progress than at first and hope to make more progress in the coming year and with God's help I can.

I am glad to be with you as one of God's servants and that He called me to this needy field to work for Him. I feel very unworthy of this great honor and very incompetent for this work, But I know that God will bless my feeble efforts for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.



**Report of Francis Quinton****Bishop Johnson and Fellow Workers:**

The past year at Nyadiri brought many changes, not a few worries and numerous responsibilities, but at the same time we have had joy in seeing growth in every department. We are thankful to our great Master builder by whose wisdom and skill every obstacle was overcome, that permanent dormitories for the girls were finished in less than five months i.e. The girls really appreciate their new homes and the school life here, and they have learned to speak of this as a place where they can live better lives than they can in their homes.

It has been a wonderful relief to have a doctor again to care for the sick and now that we have a nurse we are doubly grateful.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has long wanted to come in closer contact with the women and girls in the villages and this year we have been able to make a start. Miss Clark's visits to the villages and schools will no doubt bear fruit.

The girls' boarding department has not grown greatly during the year. The number stays around seventy, But there, with the boarding boys, others from the Christian villages on the farm and from the near kraals make a total enrollment of more than 200 and that attendance keeps up very well.

Miss Ramsey has been in charge of the school work since last year and with the help of Miss Scovill and three native teachers the pupils are steadily advancing in their work. Fifteen of the girls receive some instruction in cooking and housekeeping.

From day to day we see very little accomplished, but having been here since the beginnig we can see improvement in everything, but most of all in the lives of the girls. Some who were most hopeless at first have become conscientious, diligent and an inspiration to others and to us. Many of the girls are seeking the real Christ and some have found him. Now we have a group of very new ones and we want to make their lives bigger and brighter.

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**Report of Bertha E. Ramsey****Bishop Johnson and Fellow—Workers:**

As I look back over the past year my heart is filled with thanksgiving. The Lord has been very good to me. My co-workers have been my real friends and helpers and fellowship with them has been a source of joy. My work has filled my days with happiness and has made me increasingly glad to be here.

My schedule has been much the same this year as the last. Shortly after Conference the school was given into my care and keepng. The opening of a Boys' school last year, the mission Location and the Christian village across the river have helped to increase our school enrollment from 75 to 225. Our work until last Conference had been sub-standard but this year we have added standards one and two so we are not only growing in numbers but in the grade of work done. Our native teachers, Anna Manyarara, Leah Katsidzira and John Wesley Mukasa have worked creditably. Mrs. Job Tsiga has been an enthusiastic Bible teacher and every afternoon has had a large class. It has been my privilege again to have a Bible class with the more advanced pupils.

After morning school we have had kindergarten for the children and there they have learned to do many little extra things.

The superintendency of the Sunday School has been mine again this year. Teaching the lessons to the teachers has been a pleasure and inspiration. My Friday morning class meeting with the full members has been a blessing to me and I trust to those who attended.

As I look back over the year there are regrets that so little seems to have been actually accomplished, but the days have been busy and happy ones. My blessings have been innumerable, my trials few and my joy beyond measure.

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### Report of Beulah H. Reitz

#### Bishop Johnson and Fellow Workers:

During the past year, as in previous years, most of my time has been given to the Pickanin School at Mutambara. We have made an advance of 24, the average attendance for this year being 164. It is encouraging to know that the kraal children are coming more and more regularly. Little by little the courses are being strengthened throughout the school, emphasis this year having been laid on work in English and self expression of the individual pupil. The Pickanin School serves as a training school for practice teachers who themselves go to school mornings. By the use of planbooks and close supervision we have been able to keep a high standard of work.

When Miss Clark was at Mutambara, she and I worked some on lessons in Chimanyika for the use of the new missionaries. I believe some of the missionaries found these lessons helpful, and it would be profitable if someone could further develop the course.

As long as Miss Clark was at Mutambara, she ably led the class meeting for the old heathen men and women of the farm. When she left, I undertook that privilege. It is one full of disappointment and of joy. Occasionally I feel nothing is being accomplished for them, especially for the women, who seem so indifferent; but most often I am encouraged by the interest shown by the men. I trust some of them may decide definitely for Christ before long.

I did so enjoy writing the Sunday School lessons, and found the doing of them of much value to me in further learning language. It is to the work of providing literature in the native language that I feel I have been especially called. I hope to see the time when I may be able to give my entire effort toward that accomplishment.

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### Report of G. A. Roberts

It is with pleasure that I come to you again with a report of the work at Old Umtali. The work has been heavy; in fact, to the extent of almost overwhelming us, but by leaving much undone that we should have done and doing only the things that were most essential, I believe you will find progress everywhere. We have great reason to be thankful for the pleasant situation we have enjoyed since the last Annual Conference.

Each item of work carried on has been done with the idea of maintaining a well-rounded institution. The co-educational plan for the school has given great satisfaction. Discipline does not seem as difficult as it was in the days past when we tried to keep the two schools entirely separate, while the competition of boys and girls together in classes seems to add desire for all to get forward.

The heavy burden of the classes in the school has been upon R. C. Gates. During this year a Sixth Standard and a Seventh Standard have been taught; and, though there have been but three pupils in the Seventh Standard class, it establishes a new mark for our people to attain. As evidence of the satisfaction the school is giving, we are having applications from far and near for places in the school. Also as evidence of the desire to stay in school, we have been canvassing the student body to find out whether there will be teachers available for the out station work, and find there is scarcely any who are willing to leave school. One standard has been taught by Miss Hess and Mrs. Roberts. Clifford Faku has given full time during most of the year to the Literary Work, and the old time faithful work has been done in his classes. Silas Chitakatira has taught in the school, and his work has been good. Among the numerous duties of Mr. and Mrs. Mauger they have given the boys and girls drill, and have taught them to play during the recess hour of the forenoon school. The experiment of monopolizing every moment of time of the native boys from rising in the morning to the end of study hour at nine in the evening has worked well during this year. The work has moved like the working of a clock.

Mrs. R. C. Gates has piloted the schools for the women and the small children at the Location. With Amos Kapenzi as assistant teacher, the work has gone forward. Their industrial classes have been planned to make the women more efficient in planning, cutting out clothes, and sewing for their children, their husbands and themselves.

The pickanin school managed by Miss Beven is one of the chief hopes of our work. It is those little boys and girls who are to be the highly trained workers in our mission. They have twenty years the start of boys and girls who are already grown up when they enter school. It is a model school, doing fine work and giving practice to a large number of boys and girls who, under supervision, are putting to test the things they have been taught in Teacher Training Class. The Assembly Hall now houses the Pickanin School, and the space is ample for the present, though there is no equipment. The Sub-Standard School like the Pickanin School, is taught by pupils of the Teacher-Training Classes, but supervised by R. C. Gates. Finally permit me to say that with a large Teachers' Training Class, a large Sub-standard School, add a large Pickanin School, and the teaching being done by the pupils of the Teachers' Training Class, we may justly expect a group of real trained teachers in a few years.

For one term of this year Rev. J. R. Gates, our District Superintendent came to our assistance as Bible teacher. The classes are very pleasing to the upper Standards; and it will make a great difference in the ability of our people in these studies. We should not again neglect this department.

The Industrial Department has been managed by Mr. Mauger and the classes have been taught by him and his two assistants, Dick Dimikera and Solomon. A considerable amount of good work besides the class room instruction has been done, so we may expect any of these boys who go to out station work will be able to build their own churches and schools. They are being trained that they may be the more able to teach or promote the making of necessary school or church furniture in any village station.

My particular work, the Agricultural, has been carried on as usual, with a few changes and improvements. The class instruction has been

interesting. Especially in the highest standard we have used articles in books, magazines, pamphlets, bulletins; and, in fact, anything I could find that the class could use to advantage. The hard thing about teaching Agriculture is that there is no book that is suitable as a text for the classes. It would be hard to conceive any backward people making more rapid advance in any line than our people have made agriculturally. Seventeen years ago the first native man in this part of the territory purchased a plow, and now there are hundreds of plows.

We have added pure bred sires to every live stock herd we have at Old Umtali. We must now have some stables, a dairy, judging pavilion, and silo, in which and with which we may carry on instruction.

In forestry we have made some advancement by planting a few thousand trees. Others are being started, ready for planting out in the open fields. Reforestation is becoming increasingly important in this part of the country.

We have not gone in so much this year for developing new projects as for the completing of such things as have already been started. We have extended two branches of the irrigation furrow, though the work cost more than our local finances could bear. The well in the old government compound has been curbed up so it is a respectable landmark of the olden days. We have fixed up the sanitary arrangements for the Boys' School. A clean fresh water supply has been arranged for the boys at their houses. A new paddock fence for the work cattle has been completed. A boundary fence for protection is being constructed this week. The power ditch from the Umtali River has been repaired and improved at great expence. A new grinding house has been built at the power plant that we may relieve the electricity of the grinding, and thus give us more perfect service in lights. The old Court House School Rooms have been repaired and improved so they are airy and light and respectable. From the irrigation furrow we got a lot of water from seepage so we have had to take the time and go to the expense of constructing underground drains to drain off the surplus water.

Finally, permit me to add a word about finances of the Central Training School. We have been exceedingly careful during the past year. Mrs. Roberts has kept the books and acted as Treasurer. She has constantly held up our financial situation each week as a cudgel for our edification, or shall I call it a golden goal for our attainment? However, it seems now that when 1926 is finished every bill will be paid.

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### Report of Ngazana Sadomba

I thank God for His care for me all the time for God gave me power to preach the Word of Salvation to my people in Rhodesia during the conference year. In June 1925 I was appointed to Muradzikwa again where I had stayed four and a half years feeding the flock of Jesus.

In January 1926 The District Superintendent, Rev. J. R. Gates, gave me a new appointment to Mutambara Center, where the big work of God was also waiting for me to take in hand. The first days of my arrival I helped Mrs. Taylor in school. I was teaching Bible and several other lower classes.

Once every two weeks I visited Dunhu, one of our old stations which was closed for a time. I thank God very much for allowing me to visit Dunhu where forty people were converted at different times of my preaching.

Mutsiyabako is also one of our closed mission stations I have visited every two weeks. During my first days of visiting there I only met to worship with five people. The number slowly increased until they numbered twenty-five people.

At one time I went to Shinja, a very far place where people had never heard about Jesus, and they said they would like a teacher. When I came back I told my missionaries who asked Miss Tubbs and me to go and preach to those people and we preached to them two days. Other times I went to Nechikohwa and Chibewe or Hot Spring and also Mugowa and the people asked for one to teach them at every place.

I am asking the whole conference to pray to God for the countries surrounding Mutambara Center. Let us all pray to the Most High to send His labourers in His Vineyard.

I ask God to give me power for the next conference year to spread the news of salvation to my people.

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### Report of Ila Scovill

The past conference year has passed rapidly. My work has been chiefly teaching. Last year I taught sub-standard work excepting one class, Standard 1 English. This year I have had all the Standard 1 work except Bible, also Standard 2 Arithmetic and one class in Third Grade English. I have tried to keep seventy girls clothed and looking respectable by teaching sewing two hours each day.

It has been my desire to give some time each day to language study. Before we had school both morning and afternoon John Wesley was my teacher, but since then it has not been convenient for him to help me so I have had no special teacher, but that has not hindered my study as others have been willing to help me.

The children's class meeting each week, leading prayer meeting and preaching about once a quarter, with a few visit to the kraals have given me much pleasure. The educational work has been greater than the evangelistic work this past year, But hoping that the latter will steadily increase as I am better able to use the native language.

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### Report of H. E. Taylor

#### *Mutambara Circuit, Conference Report for 1926*

To be in charge of a circuit, teach Agriculture, manage a farm, and have charge of a boys' boarding department, presents one with a great variety and multiplicity of responsibilities. To accomplish satisfactorily all the tasks presented has been impossible because of lack of time, money labor and staff. To go into details regarding fence building, land clearing, building and repairs, the general farm operations, difficulties with regard to cattle due to East Coast fever, class work, circuit work, etc. is a temptation because those matters have taken the time, thought and money.

#### *The Circuit*

A Schedule for six months at a time was made out to provide for bi-weekly services at fourteen preaching places from four to fifteen miles distant from Mutambara. Missionaries, pastor-teachers, stewards, student volunteers

and others did this work. Miss Tubbs and Gazana Sadomba have done nearly all of the out-station visitation. It is of interest to note that Duhnu, under the guidance of its steward, since the teacher was removed, has grown greatly in attendance and in the general interest of the people. They deserve a teacher. Two or three other stations, at least, ought to be opened on Mutambara Reserve. Chitora has reopened during the year. Mutambara Circuit needs general development and the number of people concerned merits that attention.

There have been consistent gains in conversions, membership and collections except in the case of one station. From about 450 probationers and full members the collections for the year have been fifty five pounds.

#### *The Schools*

At Mutambara Center, the school has progressed satisfactorily in every respect. The enrollment of the morning and afternoon schools is about 350, of whom 110 are boarding girls and 70 are boarding boys. The remainder are day pupils from the farms and reserve. The morning school in charge of Mrs. Taylor is composed mostly of boarding pupils and has 130 enrolled. The afternoon school, numbering mostly pickanin day pupils is in charge of Miss Reitz, who has a staff of regular native teachers and pupil teachers. The school has done very good work and grown greatly under Miss Reitz's direction. The school in general received high commendation from the government inspector of schools. He said that, for its grade, which goes to Standard III, the school is second to none in the Colony in efficiency and class instruction.

Munyarari and Chitora outstation schools have made good progress. Nyambeya has declined for reasons which I have not yet been able to ascertain.

#### *Agriculture*

The farm work is progressing, but the farm itself needs a great deal more development. There are about 200 acres under cultivation, which we plan to put under a four year rotation. By the rotation we hope to maintain or increase the state of fertility. This last season, in spite of the spoiling of one fourth of the 80 acres of corn planted, the rains left us about 250 bags for food, so that we shall not have to buy much. Twenty acres of corn that did not produce grain was used to fill a small pit silo. Thirteen acres of cotton was a failure. It seems inadvisable to try further to grow cotton at Mutambara. Our wheat crop this year is unusually good.

We have received a grant of public water from the government for power and irrigation purposes and hope to have a grinding mill running within the next year. Later, we hope to raise the money to put in a pump and piping, and tanks to secure a supply of water up at the mission residence and the boys' dormitories. Three pure bred black swine have been bought in order to get a start in that line again. The farm, being in the guard area, due to Africa East Coast fever on the next farm, has made the management of the cattle very difficult. Nearly five miles of fence has been built and more will be built soon, so as to make it possible to more properly care of the cattle.

The boys and girls in my agriculture classes have made good progress and I believe the elementary instruction given is most useful and necessary to them as a beginning. The inspector of schools was pleased with what I had done along that line. However, since the government makes equal requirements with regard to the type of animal husbandry training given, and our cattle were in bad condition due to the reasons I have given, he would not be able to give a good report about them and feared that the government would not see fit to give the whole grant. This has proved to

be the case. A grant will be given for the agricultural work only.

In spite of the fact that there is great need for further help through an increase in the mission staff, I trust that the progress made during last year will make it possible to meet the government requirements regarding instruction in animal husbandry so as to draw a full grant in aid. God has blessed us in our work heretofore, even unprofitable servants as we have been; we trust to go on in his service and be further blessed in our efforts in the future.

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### Report of Lulu Tubbs

Dear Bishop Johnson and Fellow-Workers:

It is good indeed to be back in Rhodesia and at work again. Miss Penney and I arrived in Umtali March 29th and the next day I came to Mutambara. I have been doing village work. Because of the lack of teaching and money, we have been trying to develop community work. Mr. Springer and others have been working here so we find many people crying for teachers. It is hard to refuse, but through this lack the people are learning to help themselves.

At Shinja and Chakohwa, Christian people are building their own churches and holding Sunday services without a teacher. Gazana Sadomba has been doing very good work at these and other places.

On Sunday when we were at Shinja over sixty heathen people came to a service held under the trees near the spot where they are now building their church in which to worship by themselves. A Christian boy, Jothan, who is a farmer in that community, is leading them and doing the best he can.

I have also made over one hundred and twenty five calls in Christian and heathen homes near here. The people need this personal touch.

I have enjoyed teaching in the school and the sewing classes here at Mutambara.

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### Report of L. E. Tull

Immediately after conference in 1925 I took over the work of Mission Treasurer. I was also placed in charge of the South Mrewa Circuit, part of what was formerly Mrewa Circuit. And since conference I have had the opportunity of doing a certain amount of building work; so my work for the last conference year has been of three kinds.

The work as Mission Treasurer has been interesting and pleasant, but contains nothing which requires special mention in this report. In connection with associated work such as attending to special gifts, and what extra work was entailed as assistant editor of the South African Missionary Advocate, it required practically half of my time.

In connection with the Advocate I wish to call attention of the missionaries to the necessity of having Rhodesia well represented by articles, if we are to get full value from this publication. Although Rhodesia has more missionaries than any of the South African conferences, only a small part of the articles appearing in the Advocate were from Rhodesia.

My work with the outstations was pleasant and enjoyable, and I found it an inspiration and help to me, and I trust that it was also helpful to the native people. Three new stations were opened up this year, and more should be opened as soon as money and men are available. The practice which proved so successful last year, of having revival meetings for all stations, was continued this year. Two sets of meetings were held, one on each side of Mrewa at places convenient for the near by stations.

Building work done consisted of two buildings- one at Nyadiri to serve temporarily as a residence for the agricultural missionary and to be converted later on into a kitchen when we are able to build a proper residence, and the new shop building at Old Umtali, the construction of which is not yet finished. Both buildings are of brick with roofs of corrugated iron. Only a small appropriation was available for the buildings at Nyadiri, although some materials were on hand, so it was necessary to skimp and save in every possible way. We were more fortunate in the work on the shop building as sufficient funds were made available to enable a really finished job to be made of it.

One point which the construction of these buildings has impressed upon me is the need of having a definite and well-ordered plan for all building and repairs needed in the mission, so that we can keep at least a skeleton organization ready at all times. The beginning of construction work on each of these buildings, and progress after starting work were seriously delayed by the difficulty of getting trained native help. It is impossible to start new building work in the midst of the busy season for construction and expect to be able to immediately get properly trained men, unless we are carrying out a program that will enable us to keep one or two such men employed regularly.

Looking back on the year as a whole I feel that much has been left undone, yet I believe God has been able to use me for the advancement of His kingdom. I have made many mistakes, but He has been kind and patient, and I feel that He is nearer and dearer to me and that His love means more to me than ever before. My earnest desire is that in the months to come I may be more worthy of His great love, and that I may serve Him more truly and faithfully.

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### Report of R. F. Wagner.

#### *The Material Factors of the Work.*

**Equipment:** For the agricultural work and the Boys' Boarding department, I found upon arrival at Nyadiri resources as follows: paddock fence and about 200 head of cattle, a small wagon or two, some small tools, a few donkeys and mules and a good sized chunk of the out-of-doors.

The present equipment is worth about £130. The herd of cattle has been maintained, some being sold and a few purchases made. A few pigs have been added to the live stock department.

**Crops:** About 45 acres were prepared for crops the first season. One hundred bags of mealies and small quantities of numerous other crops were secured. Over 75 acres are now in partial readiness for the next season's crops. Boys' gardens should soon provide most of the necessary "moriwo",

**Building:** Boys began coming within a few weeks of my arrival. These were temporarily housed in one of the hospital huts while my own quarters were in one of the room of the Doctor's residence. By the time the rains became heavy we had completed a mud and pole dormitory for the boys and a two-room grass hut for myself as well as having bricks burned for the little residence which I now occupy. Mr. Tull came and lived with me for six weeks and supervised the building of the present very comfortable dwelling. For the live stock three stables and a pit silo have been provided. For the boys' boarding department two Kimberley brick dormitories and a kitchen are just now being finished. These will house fifty boys very comfortably and more in case of necessity. At the out-stations, two new pise churches and one of Kimberley brick have been built.

*Personal Factors of the Work.*

**Boys' Boarding School:** I arrived early in July. Before that month was ended four boys were working for school. They came flocking in rapidly at first and then more slowly but steadily so that to date seventy-one boys have been connected with this department. Thirty-seven are enrolled at the present time.

**Teacher of Agriculture:** Classes were started almost at once in gardening, the first group being a class of girls which was continued until the close of the rainy season. As the boys entered school they were also put into Agriculture classes so that at one time six hours each day was occupied in this work. With the rush of work the past few months I have had but one class.

**Married Scholar's Village:** Fifteen families have been established in the beginning of a "Model Christian Village" on the farm. Two former teachers, who have come in for more training, and several former stewards at out-stations are included in the number. All houses are of the native type but the village layout is designed for an avenue of homes of an improved type. To this end all have agreed upon Kimberley brick construction to be pushed as rapidly as possible during the next dry season. These people all take a keen interest in their school work and the whole village program is designed to develop intelligent Christian leaders as well as future pastor-teachers. Mrs. Montgomery has helped to foster the progressive spirit among the women by teaching them sewing.

**The Circuit Work:** The eleven stations with seven pastor-teachers have provided a pleasing diversification of work. I have made the complete rounds regularly each quarter by week end trips. All of the teachers have worked conscientiously, though some of them need and are planning for further training. Twenty-nine adults have been baptized since last conference, forty-nine have been received as preparatory members and twenty-three children baptized into the faith. Miss Grace Clark has visited each of these schools.

**The Church Work:** Five regular weekly services have been conducted: (1) Sunday morning worship has been well attended and it is gratifying to note an increasing interest on the part of the Muskwe people from the Reserve across the river. Several families of young married people have established a village immediately opposite the mission and many more have indicated their intention of joining this group. The Muskwe village themselves need a teacher for primary work as there are upwards of one hundred too small to walk the two or three miles to the mission. A part time teacher, in training at Nyadiri may possibly solve this problem. Each of the ladies of the Women's Society as well as Job Tsiga and John

Wesley Mukasa have helped the pastor very materially by taking the morning service approximately once each quarter, thus leaving Sundays free for out-station trips. (2) The Sunday School has been very efficiently taught and supervised by Miss Bertha Ramsey. (3) The evening preaching Service has been conducted by our native helpers in rotation. (4) The mid-week native prayer meeting has been led by a great number of Christian leaders both black and white. (5) The Missionary prayer meeting was started upon the arrival of the pastor and has been kept up with but few interruptions.

With all it has been a year of great activity yet not so active but that a trip to that wondrous beauty spot, Victoria Falls, was sandwiched in at the end of September of this year. An occasional set of tennis has also helped to keen our spirits from becoming over saturated with work. Praise be to God for the whole of it work and play alike.

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### Report of Miss Woodruff

It is a feeling of dread that always comes over me, as I think of writing of the past year's work. It is not because I have not enjoyed myself for I can say it has been one of the happiest years of my life.

Over 700 cases have been cared for in the dispensary, eight of which were new born babies and their mothers. Two were very bad burn cases, ten pneumonia cases; not to mention the chicken-pox, mumps, measles and malaria for they seem to be never ending. Over 10,000 cases have received first aid treatment either at the dispensary or from the pastor teacher of the out stations.

Two babies from the kraal and one school boy passed away at the dispensary. I wish that I might say that I had been able to heal a few sinful hearts, however I can only say souls have been touched and I trust the seeds did not fall on stony ground.

Twelve girls have received some training in caring for the in-patients and giving first aid treatment. Others have been given a little training in the care of our orphan babies.

It was with pleasure that I was able to give a couple of evenings a week to the teachers at our station for help with their conference courses. The classes were not only helpful to them but gave me a closer touch with the thoughts and lives of our native people, which have proved quite helpful in many ways.

I have attempted to carry on the "Wabv iwi" work at Muatambara but feel that it has not been as successful as it should be. I trust we may be able to do more and better work the coming year.



## Part VII

# Memoirs

## JAMES VILIKA

We report with great sorrow the death of James Vilika, the man of the Xosa tribe who came up to Rhodesia with his family in 1907. From that time he labored among us for his Lord until 1924.

He was employed as a traveling evangelist, and he traveled from station to station proclaiming the good tidings among the people. As an old and experienced preacher, he helped many pastor-teachers in their work, partly by his fatherly advice and partly by his good and strong influence. His character was vested in love.

The loss of his first, dear wife had greatly affected his health, yet lessened not his love for his Master's work. He was then physically weak but his vision grew clearer and clearer. When his life began fading away and he could no more do any work, he was permitted to go and live with his family at Gwelo, where he died on the 2nd of August, 1926. Thus he went to his well-earned rest.



## Thomas Jamela

Thomas Jamela came to us in 1911. He was a native of Inhambane and had worked in Johannesburg and other places. For several years he cooked for different families at Old Umtali. Later he entered school and married our first Bib'e Woman.

After attending school several years, he was appointed to evangelistic work on the Mrewa District, in 1918, where he did effective work in opening up stations and looking after older ones. In 1924 he became ill and was unable to carry on his work. He died at Nyadiri on June 1st, 1926.

Thomas was a happy, earnest Christian and a faithful worker among people not his own but whom he loved and among whom he did work.

### Sidney Makwehe

To our human hearts there is always brought sadness when a friend passes to the Great Beyond. It is especially saddening when a young father is taken. How wonderfully then comes faith in the love of God into the heart.

In Sidney Makwehe we have lost a strong fellow-worker. He was born near Chippinga, South Melsetter, probably in 1899, of Shangaan descent.

He, with Jackson Rugayo, came to Umtali in 1912, where he had the friendship of Rev. David Mandisodza. In 1914, these two boys entered Mutambara school where Rev. T. A. O'Farrell was then in charge, and where Sidney was converted in 1915. In 1918, they entered Old Umtali and in 1921, having completed Standard IV, the two young men entered the ranks of our Pastor-teachers.

Sidney came first to Mrewa, where he married in 1922. Later he taught at Mtoko and at Mutizi, where he was taken ill with pneumonia. He was tenderly cared for at Mrewa but died on June 2nd, 1926.



### Jeremiah Mugunje

Jeremiah Mugunje first became a Christian at Gotora Station, where he served as steward and became teacher's assistant. He moved to Mrewa Center in 1924 to attend school and taught the school at Gomba Station in the afternoons.

In September, 1925, after an illness of a few weeks, he died at Mrewa, leaving a widow and two children. He was a man who was held in high regard by all the people.

## Part VIII

## Roll of the Dead

(a) Members of Conference.  
None

(b) Widows of Deceased Members; Wives of Members  
None.

(c) Other Workers.  
James Vilika  
Thomas Jamera  
Sidney Makwehe  
Jeremiah Mugunje

**Part IX****HISTORICAL****(a) Conference Sermons**

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Preached by</i>     | <i>Where</i>         |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1916.....   | H. I. James.....       | Old Umtali Church    |
| 1917.....   | None                   |                      |
| 1919.....   | H. N. Howard .....     | St. Andrew's, Umtali |
| 1921.....   | M. J. Murphree .....   | Old Umtali Church    |
| 1922.....   | Samuel Gurney .....    | Old Umtali Church    |
| 1923.....   | H. I. James.....       | Old Umtali Church    |
| 1924.....   | Wilfred Bourgaize..... | Old Umtali Church    |
| 1925.....   | None                   |                      |
| 1927.....   | None                   |                      |

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**(b) Former Members and Probationers**

|                                    |                      |                       |           |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| R. E. Beetham .....                | 1901-1905            | S. D. Coffin .....    | 1905-1913 |
| J. L. DeWitt .....                 | 1901-1905            | W. C. Terrill .....   | 1907-1915 |
| E. H. Richards .....               | 1901-1913            | G. A. Stockdale ..... | 1907-1911 |
| M. W. Ehnes .....                  | 1901-1905            | Tizore Nevass .....   | 1907-1913 |
| J. M. Springer.....                | 1901-1910; 1921-1924 | H. N. Howard .....    | 1909-1924 |
| R. Wodehouse.....                  | 1901-1910            | P. W. Keys .....      | 1909-1915 |
| F. D. Wolf .....                   | 1901-1907            | F. Conquer .....      | 1909-1912 |
| Samuel Gurney 1902-1905; 1909-1924 |                      | C. H. Runfeldt .....  | 1909-1910 |
| J. A. Baldwin .....                | 1903-1905            | Muti Sikobele.....    | 1909-1913 |
| J. H. Dimmit .....                 | 1903-1905            | C. A. Kent .....      | 1913-1916 |
| D. A. Carson .....                 | 1903-1903            | J. D. Pointer .....   | 1913-1915 |
| A. L. Buchwalter .....             | 1905-1917            | J. G. Brass .....     | 1921-1923 |
| J. E. Ferris .....                 | 1905-1911            |                       |           |

## (c) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

## EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

| TIME           | PLACE                    | BISHOP             | SECRETARY |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1901, Nov. 16  | Umtali and<br>Old Umtali | Hartzell           | Springer  |
| 1903, Sept. 29 | Umtali                   | Hartzell           | Beetham   |
| 1905, May 26   | Umtali                   | Hartzell           | Ferris    |
| 1907, Mar. 13  | Umtali                   | Hartzell, Burt     | Forris    |
| 1907, Nov. 22  | Umtali                   | Hartzell           | Ferris    |
| 1909, July 10  | Umtali                   | Hartzell           | Greeley   |
| 1910, Aug. 17  | Old Umtali               | Hartzell           | Greeley   |
| 1911, June 7   | Old Umtali               | Hartzell, Wilson   | Gurney    |
| 1912, Feb. 17  | Old Umtali               | (Rev. J. R. Gates) | O'Farrell |
| 1913, Oct. 22  | Old Umtali               | Hartzell           | Greeley   |
| 1915, Jan. 20  | Old Umtali               | Hartzell           | Greeley   |

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

|               |            |                       |         |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1916, Feb. 16 | Old Umtali | ...(Rev. J. R. Gates) | Greeley |
| 1917, May 3   | Old Umtali | Johnson               | Greeley |
| 1917, Dec. 7  | Old Umtali | Johnson               | Gates   |
| 1919, Apr. 4  | Umtali     | Johnson               | Gurney  |
| 1921, June 13 | Old Umtali | Johnson               | James   |
| 1922, June 14 | Old Umtali | Johnson               | James   |
| 1923, June 19 | Old Umtali | Johnson               | James   |
| 1924, Aug. 13 | Old Umtali | Shepard               | James   |
| 1925, June 23 | Old Umtali | Johnson               | James   |
| 1926, Nov. 4  | Nyadiri    | Johnson               | Wagner  |



(d) **Missionaries 1898-1926**

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesian Work by the Board at New York, beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with dates of entering and leaving the work.

|                                     |           |                            |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. M. W. Ehnes .....              | 1898-1901 | Miss P. Mullikin .....     | 1910-     |
| Mrs. M. W. Ehnes .....              | 1898-1901 | { Miss B. Fowles.....      | 1911-     |
| Rev. J. L. DeWitt .....             | 1899-1901 | { Mrs. G. A. Roberts ..... | 1912-     |
| Mrs. J. L. DeWitt .....             | 1899-1901 | { Miss R. N. Goddard ..... | 1912-     |
| Mrs. Anna Arndt .....               | 1899-1902 | { Mrs. J. G. Paisley ..... | 1915-1921 |
| Mr. Herman Heinkle.....             | 1899-1903 | Miss G. Clark .....        | 1912-     |
| Rev. E. H. Greeley .....            | 1900-     | Rev. C. A. Kent .....      | 1912-1915 |
| Rev. R. Wodehouse.....              | 1901-1910 | Mrs. C. A. Kent .....      | 1912-1915 |
| Mrs. R. Wodehouse.....              | 1901-1910 | Rev. H. I. James.....      | 1913-     |
| Rev. J. M. Springer.....            | 1901-1906 | Mrs. H. I. James .....     | 1913-     |
|                                     | 1921-1924 | Mrs. E. E. Bjorklund ..... | 1913-     |
| { Mrs. H. F. Rasmussen...1901-—     |           | Miss E. A. Hess .....      | 1915-     |
| { Mrs. J. M. Springer.....1905-1906 | 1921-1924 | Miss F. Quinton .....      | 1917-     |
| Miss H. E. Johnson .....            | 1901-1904 | Miss S. Rexrode .....      | 1918-1921 |
| Rev. R. E. Beetham .....            | 1901-1905 | Miss L. Tubbs .....        | 1918-1923 |
| Mr. G. M. Odlum.....                | 1901-1902 | Rev. H. E. Taylor.....     | 1926-     |
| Rev. S. Gurney .....                | 1902-1905 | Mrs. H. E. Taylor.....     | 1919-     |
|                                     | 1909-1924 | Miss O. Parmenter.....     | 1920-     |
| Mrs. S. Gurney .....                | 1902-1902 | Rev. M. J. Murphree.....   | 1920-     |
| Mr. D. A. Carson .....              | 1902-1903 | Mrs. M. J. Murphree .....  | 1920-     |
| Mrs. D. A. Carson .....             | 1902-1903 | Miss M. Fuller.....        | 1921-     |
| Rev. J. H. Dimmit .....             | 1903-1903 | Rev. A. DeJacoby.....      | 1921-1921 |
| Rev. G. A. Baldwin.....             | 1903-1905 | Mrs. A. DeJacoby.....      | 1921-1921 |
| Rev. J. E. Ferris .....             | 1904-1909 | Rev. W. Bourgaize .....    | 1921-     |
| Mrs. J. E. Ferris.....              | 1904-1909 | Rev. L. E. Tull.....       | 1921-     |
| Rev. S. D. Coffin.....              | 1905-1911 | Mr. W. C. Gardner .....    | 1921-1925 |
| { Mis V. Swormstedt ..1905-—        |           | Mrs. W. C. Gardner .....   | 1921-1924 |
| { Mrs S. D. Coffin .....            | 1907-1911 | Miss G. Beven .....        | 1922-     |
| Mr. E. L. Sechrist .....            | 1906-1909 | Miss B. Reitz .....        | 1922-     |
| Mrs. E. L. Sechrist .....           | 1906-1909 | Rev. R. C. Gates .....     | 1922-     |
| Rev. J. R. Gates .....              | 1906-1914 | Mrs. R. C. Gates .....     | 1922-     |
|                                     | 1916-     | Miss A. Moore .....        | 1922-     |
| { Miss H. L. Lodge .....            | 1907-—    | Rev. J. G. Brass .....     | 1922-1923 |
| { Mrs J. R. Gates .....             | 1908-1914 | Mrs. J. G. Brass .....     | 1922-1923 |
|                                     | 1916-     | Rev. F. G. Mauger .....    | 1923-     |
| Miss E. M. Bell .....               | 1907-1911 | Mrs. F. G. Mauger .....    | 1923-     |
| Miss S. Coffin .....                | 1907-1912 | Miss Ethel McMann .....    | 1923-     |
| Rev G. A. Roberts.....              | 1907-     | Miss Sarah King .....      | 1923-     |
| Rev A. L. Buchwalter ..             | 1909-1915 | Miss B. Ramsey .....       | 1924-     |
| Mrs. A. L. Buchwalter..             | 1909-1915 | R. F. Wagner .....         | 1924-     |
| Rev. N. H. Howard.....              | 1909-1920 | Miss J. G. Woodruff .....  | 1925-     |
| Mrs. H. N. Howard.....              | 1909-1920 | Miss Ila Scovill .....     | 1925-     |
| Miss E. D. Nourse .....             | 1909-1921 | Miss Oril Penney .....     | 1926-     |
| Rev. T. A. O'Farrell.....           | 1910-     | Miss Ruth E. Hanson .....  | 1926-     |
| Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell.....           | 1910-     |                            |           |

**(d) *Continued***

The following additional workers were hired here on the field:

Rev; M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears, 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton, 1905; Miss F. Bennett, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beagley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907; Mr. W. Garner, 1907; Mrs. W. Garner, 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907, Mr. C. S Till, 1910; Mrs. C. S. Till, 1901; Mrs. L. Caison, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. T. B. Wallace 1913; Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Paisley, 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. William Hodgson, 1917; Mrs. William Hodgson, 1917; Mr. S. C. Searle 1918; Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918; Mr. C. S. Till, 1920. Mr. G. Pretorius 1924. Mr. B. J. E. Pretorius 1925.

## RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

## Part X

## (a) MISCELLANEOUS

## Plan of Conference Examinations

## For Europeans as per Discipline P.P. 620

Undergraduates may sit for examinations at the seat of the Finance Committee meetings four times a year—about the first of January, April, July, and October, as well as at the seat of the Conference the day before the opening of Conference.

| Year                  | Study No.  | Examiner   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Admission ou<br>Trial | 1,<br>2,<br>3,<br>4,<br>5,<br>6,                                 | J. R. Gates<br>W. Bourgaize<br>E. H. Greeley<br>T. A. O'Farrell<br>W. Bourgaize<br>J. R. Gates |
| First Year            | 1,<br>2,<br>3,<br>4,<br>5,<br>Reading<br>1, 4,<br>2, 5,<br>3,    | E. H. Greeley<br>T. A. O'Farrell<br>W. Bourgaize<br>J. R. Gates<br>E. H. Greeley               |
| Second Year           | 1,<br>2,<br>3,<br>4,<br>Reading<br>1, 5,<br>2, 6,<br>3, 7,<br>4, | T. A. O'Farrell<br>W. Bourgaize<br>J. R. Gates<br>E. H. Greeley                                |
| Third Year            | 1,<br>2,<br>3,<br>4,<br>5,<br>Reading<br>1, 4,<br>2, 5,<br>3, 6, | W. Bourgaize<br>T. A. O'Farrell<br>J. R. Gates<br>E. H. Greeley<br>T. A. O'Farrell             |
| Fourth Year           | 1,<br>2,<br>3,<br>4,<br>Reading<br>1, 4,<br>2, 5,<br>3,          | T. A. O'Farrell<br>J. R. Gates<br>E. H. Greeley<br>W. Bourgaize                                |

**Course of Study for Native Ministers,  
Authorized by the Rhodesia Mission Conference.**

**For Admission on Trial**

| <b>Book.</b>  | <b>Examiner.</b> |
|---|------------------|
| 1. The Articles of Religion.....  | J. R. Gates.     |
| 2. South African History.....   | W. Bourgaize.    |
| 3. Life of John Wesley.....   | T. A. O'Farrell. |
| 4. A Bible Biography. Life of Moses, Life of David,<br>or Life of Jesus as recorded in Mark. .... | E. H. Greeley.   |
| 5. A Written Sermon.....  | T. A. O'Farrell. |

**Course of Study for First Year.**

**To be Examined in**

|  |                  |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| 1. "Methodist Discipline" .....                  | ( pages 25-126 ) | W. Bourgaize.    |
| 2. "Junior History of Methodism" .....           |                  | J. R. Gates.     |
| 3. "Peep of Day". .....                          |                  | T. A. O'Farrell. |
| 4. Translation, to Vernacular, 150 to 200 pages. |                  | E. H. Greeley    |

**Course of Study for Second Year.**

**To be Examined in**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| 1. "The Preachers Friend.".....        | W. Bourgaize.    |
| 2. "Life of Christ", Stalker .....     | T. A. O'Farrell. |
| 3. "Field's Handbook of Theology"..... | J. R. Gates.     |

**To be Read**

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. "Pilgrims Progress" .....         | J. R. Gates.     |
| 2. "John Wesley The Methodist" ..... | T. A. O'Farrell. |
| 3. "Life of Khama" .....             | W. Bourgaize.    |

**Course of Study for Third Year.**

**Studies,—**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1. (Church History).....                        | O'Farrell. |
| 2. "Analysis of New Testament History," Pinnock | Gates.     |
| 3. "Shorter Manual of Theology," Beet.....      | Murphree.  |
| 4. Outline of Luke, John, Acts and Romans.....  | Bourgaize. |

**To be Read,—**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. "Paul in Everyday Life," Adam.....    |          |
| 2. "Life of Livingstone," Blaikie.....   |          |
| 3. "Imitation of Christ," A. Kempis..... | Greeley. |

## (b) Conference Rules of Order

**None.**

## (c) Supplies and Local Preachers.

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Nyamagodo, Ephraim   | Mrewa, James           |
| Kagora, Stephen      | Cheke, John            |
| Mazayiwana, Pihlemon | Siyawamwayo, Jefferson |
| Dzapasi, Simion      | Risinamudzi, Jotham    |
| Makuto, Joseph       | Bumhira, Samson        |
| Chieza, Samuel       | Bangwayi, Francis      |
| Kunyarinwe, Roderick | Gurupira, David        |
| Njagu, David,        | Chieza, Nathan         |
| Chiwara, Simeon      | Nyemba, Shadrach       |
| Gurende, Samuel      | Machingarufu, John     |
| Murumbedzi, Jonathan | Mukasa, John Wesley    |
| Urudzi, Ciprian      | Marange, Harrison      |
| Mvududu, Elisha      | Pundo, Philip          |
| Zata, Thomas         | Kalowangoma, Noah      |
| Mukarakati, Philip   | Manganyi, Benson       |
| Zitsenga, Jonah      | Samakande, Jacob       |
| Kowo, Nathan         | Chitiyo, Peter         |
| Mudarikwa, David     | Chatawika, Daniel      |
| Katsidzira, Murashwa | Mukadota, Gideon       |
| Pawirimanzi, Solomon | Mapara, Solomon        |
| Mkweu, Aaron         | Kanyoka, Obadiah       |
| Zisengwe, Peter      | Mazunda, Maurice       |
| Mupondiwa, Nathaniel | Kanyuchi, Jonah        |
| Kangaradi, Paul      | Pendeke, Samuel        |
| Karumazondo, Richard | Musiyarira, James      |
| Musimwa, Benson      | Mupese, Jonah          |
| Machekeche, Lawrence | Tsoka, Abraham         |
| Chieza, Luke         | Matara, Thomas         |
| Chikazhi, Nicodemus  | Chieza, William        |
| Munotomani, Solomon  | Muredzwa, Joshua       |
| Matema, Daniel       | Chifetete, Amos        |
| Cheke, Dawson        | Mbereke, Elison        |
| Tsiga, Job           | Kondo, Philip          |
| Gweshe, Abraham      | Gwata, Moses           |
| Marange, Titus       | Mukonda, Stephen       |
| Mufundi, Peter       | Makota, Timothy        |
| Katuruza, Jonah      | Chakonda, Joseph       |
| Mujuru, Joshua       | Marange, Jonathan      |
| Chieza, Philip       | Tetserhwa, Elmer       |
| Chiri, Joseph        | Mandisera, Jocob       |
| Musamba, Isaiah      | Chirikuutsi, Joshua    |
| Kachisi, Anderson    | Machiri, Simeon        |

**Supplies and Local Preachers.***Continued*

Mandisodza, Wilson  
 Marange, Kenneth  
 Chitakatira, Moses  
 Mupikata, David  
 Munotomani, Lot  
 Madzirashi, Zacheus  
 Chiadzwa, Enoch  
 Mukondi, Nelson  
 Makoni, Edward  
 Chingono, Johnson  
 Gwawawa, Aaron  
 Kamusano, Thomas  
 Mvududu, Samuel  
 Nyamurowa, Joseph  
 Katsaruware, John  
 Pedzeni, Thomas  
 Kapswara, Amos  
 Dimikira, Noah  
 Chitakatira, Silas  
 Nyagura, Martin  
 Gondora, Job  
 Rakabopa, Gilbert  
 Chitenderu, Daniel  
 Parhwehosi, Morrison  
 Matongo, Samuel  
 Chikusi, James  
 Jangano, Elias  
 Mujeni James  
 Katsidzira, Leah  
 Marange, Susannah  
 Chifakoya, Margaret  
 Muradzikwa, Agnes  
 Muzhombozha, Ruth

Mutambanengwe, Maxin  
 Karumbidza, Amos  
 Muranda, Daniel  
 Nyambawaro, Benjamin  
 Tichiwanhunyi, Isaiah  
 Matanda, Samson  
 Zwinoyira, Samson  
 Mufozozana, Moses  
 Mparutsa, Moses  
 Mvurumutiya, Ezekiel  
 Kapfumvuti, Jeremiah  
 Chitomba, Jonah  
 Chikosi, Johnson  
 Kasambira, Silas  
 Benengu, Philemon  
 Makaza, Watt  
 Musiwacho, Edison  
 Kapenzi, Amos  
 Nduna, John  
 Sachiti, Johnson  
 Maviza, Paul  
 Pasingekanyi, Peter  
 Masiya, Isaac  
 Makoni, Elisha  
 Chisamba, Moses  
 Mutsago, Joshua  
 Mareya, Paul  
 Chirewa, Stephen  
 Manyarara, Anna  
 Mufudza, Norah  
 Mafokosho, Grace  
 Same, Alena

**(d) Lay Associations****None.**

(e) **Mission Directory****Conference Members**

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bourgaize, Wilfred,       | Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa.          |
| Gates, J. R.,             | Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.         |
| Mauger, F. G.             | Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa. |
| Montgomery, Dr. S. R. P., | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Gates, R. C.              | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Greeley E. H.             | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| James, H. I.              | On furlough                          |
| Murphree, M. J.           | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia.             |
| O'Farrell, T. A.          | Mrewa, S. Rhodesia, Africa.          |
| Roberts, G. A.            | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Taylor, E. H.,            | Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa.     |
| Tull, L. E.,              | Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia Africa.  |
| Wagner, R. F.,            | On leave                             |
| Darikwa, Isaiah,          | Nyakatsapa, Umtasa Circuit.          |
| Faku, Clifford,           | Old Umtali.                          |
| Katsidzira, Benjamin,     | Gandanzara.                          |
| Mandisodza, David,        | Arnoldene.                           |
| Marange, Thomas,          | Umtali.                              |
| Marange, Titus,           | Salisbury.                           |
| Munjoma, Isaiah,          | Penhalonga.                          |
| Mukombiwa, Zachariah,     | Old Umtali.                          |
| Ngonyama, Reginald,       | Mutambara.                           |
| Sadomba, Ngazana,         | Mtoko.                               |
| Chimbadzwa, Josiah,       | Old Umtali.                          |

**Missionaries not Members of Conference**

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Bjorklund, Miss E. E.,     | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Gardner, W. C.             | On furlough.                         |
| Gardner, Mrs. W. C.,       | On furlough.                         |
| Gates, Mrs. J. R.,         | Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.         |
| Gates, Mrs. R. C.,         | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Hanson, Miss Ruth E.,      | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| James, Mrs. H. I.,         | On furlough.                         |
| Mauger, Mrs. F. G.,        | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Montgomery, Mrs. S. R. P., | Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa. |
| Mullikin, Miss Pearl,      | Mrewa, S. Rhodesia, Africa.          |
| Murphree, Mrs. M. J.,      | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| O'Farrell, Mrs. T. A.,     | Mrewa, S. Rhodesia, Africa.          |
| Roberts, Mrs. G. A.,       | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Taylor, Mrs. H. E.,        | Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa.     |

**Missionaries of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society**

|                        |                                      |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Beven, Miss Georgia,   | On furlough.                         |
| Clark, Miss Grace,     | Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa. |
| Fuller, Miss Marjorie, | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| Hess, Miss Stella,     | Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.     |
| King, Miss Sarah,      | Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa.     |
| McMann, Miss Ethel,    | Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa      |

Moore, Miss Agnes,  
 Parmenter, Miss Ona,  
 Penney, Miss Oril,  
 Quinton, Miss Francis,  
 Ramsey, Miss Bertha;  
 Reitz, Miss Beulah,  
 Scovill, Miss Ila,  
 Tubbs, Miss Lulu,  
 Woodruff, Miss Jennie,

Old Umtali, S. Rhodesia, Africa.  
 Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa.  
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 On furlough.  
 Nyadiri, Mtoko, S. Rhodesia, Africa.  
 Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa.  
 Mutambara, Umtali, S. R. Africa.

## Part XI

### PASTORAL RECORD

**Bourgaize W.**—1921, Nyakatsapa; '22-24, Mtoko and Uzumba; 25 Mtoko.

**Darikwa, Isaiah**—1924, Rupinda; 1925 Nyakatsapa.

**Faku, Clifford**—1924 Old Umtali Circuit; 1925 Penhalonga; 26 Old Umtali.

**Gates, John R.**—1905, Rock River Conference Chicago, Edison Park; '07, East Central Africa Mission Conference, Umtali, St. Andrew's '08, Ndanga District; '09-11, District Superintendent and Old Umtali; '14-15, Vermont Conference, Northfield; '16-20 Rhodesia Mission Conference, District Superintendent; '21 on furlough; '23, Superintendent, Umtali District and Pastor St. Andrew's; '24, Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Pastor St. Andrew's '25-26 Supt. Old Umtali and Mutambara District and Pastor St. Andrew's.

**Gates, Robert C.**—1923, Old Umtali Circuit and Literary Department, Central Training School; '24 Pastor, Old Umtali Church and Literary Department of Hartzell Institute, '25, Pastor Old Umtali Church and Literary Department Hartzell Institute and Mission Correspondent; '26 Dean of Lit. Dept. Hartzell Institute: Mission Correspondent.

**Greeley, Eddy H.**—1888, Cape Palmas Seminary, Liberia, West Africa; 1890, on furlough; 1894, White Plains Seminary Liberia, West Africa; 1896, St. Paul's River Industrial School, Liberia; 1897 on furlough; 1900-1905, Old Umtali School; '05-10 Makomwe; 1911 on furlough, 12-14, Old Umtali; '15-16, Mrewa; '17, Mtoko Circuit '18-20 Mission Press, Old Umtali; '21 on furlough; '22, Umtali (Native) Circuit and Chiduku Circuit; '23, Chiduku Circuit, '24, Director of Language and Translations; '25-26 Manager Rhodesia Mission Press, and Editor Native Literature Old Umtali.

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